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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Provisional Prolongation of an Agreement between  
Sweden and Korea

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Sweden regarding the provisional prolongation of the Article 4 agreement concluded between Sweden and Korea which was due to expire on 30 June 1977.<sup>1</sup>

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4<sup>2</sup>, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>For details of the previous agreement see documents COM.TEX/SB/133 and 221.

<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

<sup>3</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/278, paragraph 5, for observations of the TSB.

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea presents its compliments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and, with reference to the latter's note dated 19 July 1977 concerning the provisional prolongation of the restraint agreement and also the date of the next consultations, has the honour to inform the Ministry that the proposed provisional prolongation of the agreement up to 31 December 1977 is acceptable to the Korean Government and the Embassy reciprocates the wish that another date during the autumn will be set for consultations between Sweden and the Republic of Korea.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Stockholm, 16 August 1977

To the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs,  
Stockholm.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and has the honour to communicate the following.

On 16 June 1977, the Ministry informed the Embassy that the Swedish Government had approved the agreement reached between Korean and Swedish delegations during consultations in Geneva on 6-9 June 1977. This, inter alia, implied a provisional prolongation of the restraint agreement due to expire on 30 June 1977. The parties would resume consultations in August.

The Swedish side has suggested that these begin 16 August 1977 in Stockholm.

The great amount of international negotiations in which Sweden has lately been involved has caused certain difficulties of a practical nature to start consultations with the Republic of Korea already in August.

In view of this, the Swedish Government finds that the original Korean request, as expressed in paragraph 5 of the Record of Discussions, signed in Geneva on 9 June 1977 is acceptable and would therefore like to suggest that the provisional prolongation of the agreement which was due to expire on 30 June 1977 be made for a period of six months, i.e. to 31 December 1977. During these six months the Korean side would be allowed to export up to half of the levels agreed for the twelve-month period ending 30 June 1977. Another date during the autumn for consultations between the Republic of Korea and Sweden would be established through diplomatic channels. The other provisions of the understanding reached at the Geneva consultations in June would remain as expressed in the note of the Ministry to the Embassy of 16 June 1977.

The Swedish Government would appreciate it if, in the meantime, the Korean Government would see to it that some abstemiousness is exercised with regard to exports of the items referred to in the Ministry's note to the Embassy of 10 May 1977.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea the assurances of its highest consideration.

Stockholm, 19 July 1977

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea,  
Stockholm.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and has the honour to inform the Embassy that the Swedish Government has approved the agreement reached between Korean and Swedish delegations during consultations on 6-9 June 1977, as follows:

The two sides have agreed upon the following levels to apply for the restraint period of 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1977, covered by the Record of Discussions of 19 November 1976:

(1)	Ankle socks, etc.	215,000 dozen pairs
(2)	Shirts	618,500 pieces
(3)	Sweaters, pullovers, jumpers	5,382,000 pieces
(4)	Blouses	408,000 pieces
(5)	Jackets and anoraks, etc.	239,250 pieces
(6)	Trousers, etc.	422,000 pieces

The Swedish delegation raised the matter of overdrafts of agreed levels and requested that any overdrafts be deducted from the corresponding levels for the coming restraint period. The Korean delegation undertook to report this statement to the competent authorities in Seoul, with a view to having the overdrafts investigated and compensated, if verified.

It was agreed that delegations of the two sides meet again not later than in August 1977 for consultations on:

- (1) Levels of restraints with growth rate after 30 June 1977 of the six items dealt with in paragraph 2 above;
- (2) levels of restraints with growth rate after 31 December 1977 of b. i linen;
- (3) restraints for the items enumerated in the Swedish request of 10 May 1977.

The parties were agreed on a provisional prolongation of three months of the current restraint agreement after 30 June 1977.

The Ministry would appreciate a confirmation that the above is also the understanding of the Korean side.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea the assurances of its highest consideration.

Stockholm, 16 June 1977

To the Embassy of the Republic of Korea,  
Stockholm.