

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Termination of a Bilateral Agreement between Austria and Egypt<sup>1</sup>

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Austria concerning an agreement with Egypt not to extend the bilateral agreement on trade in cotton yarn, concluded on 16 January 1975 under Article 4 of the Arrangement.

The TSB is circulating the letters of exchange effecting the agreement, to the participating countries for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/61.

Vienna, 22 November 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the bilateral agreement under Article 4 of the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES between our two countries signed on 16 January 1975 at Cairo for a term ending 31 December 1977.

I further wish to refer to the negotiations which took place in Vienna on 17 and 18 November 1977 between a delegation of the Republic of Egypt and a delegation of Austria. As a result of these negotiations our two countries agree not to extend the bilateral agreement referred to above.

Should exports of cotton yarn from the Arab Republic of Egypt to Austria develop in a manner which, in the view of Austria, causes real risks of market disruption, Austria may request consultations with the Republic of Egypt with a view to reaching an agreement on mutually acceptable terms on the elimination of such risks. The request for such consultations shall be accompanied by a statement containing relevant data on the market conditions which, in the view of Austria, make necessary the request for consultations. The Arab Republic of Egypt agrees to consult within thirty days from the date on which the request for consultations has been received, unless otherwise mutually agreed, and to make its best efforts to complete such consultations within thirty days of their commencement.

I should be grateful if you would kindly confirm that this letter sets out correctly the understanding reached between the delegations of our two countries.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Dr. Rudolf Willenpart  
Director

Mr. Mahmoud Hassan El Falaky  
Commercial Counsellor,  
Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt,  
Margaretenstrasse 21/3,  
1040 Vienna.

Vienna, 30 December 1977

Sir,

I would like to refer to your letter dated 22 November 1977 reading as follows:

"I have the honour to refer to the bilateral agreement under Article 4 of the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES between our two countries signed on 16 January 1975 at Cairo for a term ending 31 December 1977.

"I further wish to refer to the negotiations which took place in Vienna on 17 and 18 November 1977 between a delegation of the Republic of Egypt and a delegation of Austria. As a result of these negotiations our two countries agree not to extend the bilateral agreement referred to above.

"Should exports of cotton yarn from the Arab Republic of Egypt to Austria develop in a manner which, in the view of Austria, causes real risks of market disruption, Austria may request consultations with the Republic of Egypt with a view to reaching an agreement on mutually acceptable terms on the elimination of such risks. The request for such consultations shall be accompanied by a statement containing relevant data on the market conditions which, in the view of Austria, make necessary the request for consultations. The Arab Republic of Egypt agrees to consult within thirty days from the date on which the request for consultations has been received, unless otherwise mutually agreed, and to make its best efforts to complete such consultations within thirty days of their commencement."

I have the honour to confirm that the above sets out correctly the understanding reached between the delegations of our two countries.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) Mahmoud Hassan El Falaky  
Commercial Counsellor  
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of Egypt

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Federal Ministry for Trade,  
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