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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Communication by the EEC: Termination of the Article 3
Measures taken by the European Community against
Colombia, Egypt, India, Macao, Pakistan
and the Philippines

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received two letters from the European Community pursuant to the TSB's decision to defer its examination¹ of the notifications² concerning the EEC's unilateral actions with respect to imports of textile products into certain markets of the Community from the above countries.

The TSB decided, having taken note of the EEC's communication that the Article 3 measures in question had been discontinued, to transmit the text of the two letters to the Textiles Committee for information.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/283, paragraph 2.

²See COM.TEX/SB/284 to 290.

Mr. Chairman,

Following the interim measures taken in 1977 by the European Economic Community with respect to certain imports of textile products from India and Pakistan and having regard to the Decision made in December last by the TSB to defer consideration of the matter (document COM.TEX/SB/283), I am in a position today to inform you that the Community has terminated such measures as foreseen on 31 December 1977.

In addition, the bilateral negotiations conducted by the Community and its partners between October and December 1977 have made it possible to replace such interim measures by self-restraint agreements concluded within the framework of the MFA as renewed by the Committee on Textiles in December 1977.

These bilateral agreements, which cover a wider range of goods than that which had been the subject of the interim measures referred to above, will be notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body as soon as the constitutional procedures necessary for the formal conclusion have been gone through.

In the case of Spain, a subsequent communication will be addressed to the Textiles Surveillance Body depending on the outcome of current bilateral negotiations.

(signed) G. Hofmann

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