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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on Status of Restrictive Measures as Requested
by the TSB in Accordance with Article 11, paragraph 11

Pursuant to its request¹ the Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Finland a report on the present status of the restrictive measures maintained by Finland. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 11, of the Arrangement.

The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.

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¹COM.TEX/SB/319, paragraph 8.

Geneva, May 31, 1978

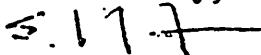
Dear Mr. Wirth,

With reference to your letter No. TS/140 - 1 of April 24, 1978 I have the honour to inform you that Finland maintained no quantitative restrictions on textiles before the inception of the MFA, except for quota arrangements included in bilateral trade agreements with Bulgaria, the People's Republic of China, Czechoslovakia, the Democratic Republic of Germany, Hungary, Poland and Rumania. In the case of Rumania quotas are still maintained under bilateral trade agreements concluded under the provisions of GATT (including its annexes and protocols). The situation vis-à-vis China is unchanged, but the quotas relating to Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary and Poland have been terminated. An important surveillance system based on a licencing agreement with Korea, which pre-dated the MFA, is still in force. The only other changes affecting access to the Finnish market are the agreements with Hong Kong, Macao and India, by which export restraints were placed on certain textile products. These agreements have either been or will be notified to the TSB upon their formalization.

Concerning the document COM.TEX/SB/196 following comments can be made:

- Agreements with Hong Kong and Macao have been notified to the TSB on 13 June 1977;
- Import quota for Poland has been abolished with effect from 1.4.1978;
- Present level of restriction for China is 2,860,000 US dollars, reference period being from 1 January to 31 December 1978.

Yours sincerely,


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