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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement Between the United States and the Philippines

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification regarding a further amendment to the existing multifibre agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement between the United States and the Philippines.^{1/}

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

^{1/}For original agreement and subsequent amendments see COM.TEX/SB/154 and 266, 305 and 325.

^{2/}See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Republic of the Philippines exchanged notes on 27 March 1978 and 15 May 1978 respectively, to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement on trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fibre textiles and textile products. The texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE

Manila, 27 March 1978

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the bilateral agreement of 15 October 1975, on trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, with annexes, between our two Governments, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the agreement) and to Note No. 78-464 of 21 February 1978 to the Embassy of the United States of America from the Government of the Republic of the Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs.

I have the honour to propose, on behalf of my Government, the following new designated consultation levels for the current agreement year:

<u>Traditional categories</u>	<u>Levels</u>
335	24,213 dozen
337	226,610 dozen
641	48,276 dozen
635	24,213 dozen

<u>Non-traditional categories</u>	
338/339	510,000 dozen
- of which 339	410,000 dozen
445/446	15,000 dozen
459	100,000 pounds
641	100,000 dozen

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, this note and your Excellency's note in confirmation shall constitute an amendment of the agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) David Newson

His Excellency,
Carlos P. Romulo,
Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Manila.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES NOTE

15 May 1978

Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 166 dated 27 March 1978 which reads as follows:

(See United States note)

I have the honour to inform you on behalf of my Government, that the new consultation levels are acceptable to the Philippine Government and shall constitute an amendment of the Agreement.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.

(signed) Carlos P. Romulo
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Lee T. Stull,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.,
Embassy of the United States of America,
Manila.