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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures as Requested by the TSB¹ in Accordance with Article 11, paragraphs 11 and 12

Pursuant to its request¹, the TSB has received from Finland a report² on the present status of its restrictive measures maintained against textiles. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11, paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Arrangement.

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

¹See COM.TEX/SB/457, paragraph 8.

²For previous submission see COM.TEX/SB/333.

Geneva, 10 August 1979

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

With reference to your letter TS/140-1 dated 11 July 1979 concerning the review of all restrictions on textile products, I have the honour to inform you that following changes have occurred in the status of the restrictions applied to textile imports in Finland since May 1978:

Finland has concluded agreements with Hong Kong, Macao, India and Singapore by which export restraints have been placed on certain textile products. These agreements have been duly notified to the TSB. Furthermore Finland has concluded agreements, based on provisions of the MFA with Thailand and Malaysia. These agreements will be notified to the TSB in due course.

Licensing has been introduced in imports of men's and boys' shirts (61.03) from Bulgaria and Poland in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Agreements on Reciprocal Removal of Obstacles to Trade with these countries, concluded under the provisions of GATT.

The licensing has been effective from 14.7.1978 in the case of Bulgaria and from 9.4.1979 in the case of Poland.

In the case of Romania the level of the restrictions has been raised for 1979 to US\$1.1 million and in the case of China to US\$4.5 million.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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