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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Reports on the Status of Restrictive Measures as Requested by the TSB in Accordance with Article 11

BRAZIL

Attached is a report received by the TSB on the present status of restrictions on trade in textiles maintained by Brazil. This report was submitted in reply to the TSB's request for information in pursuance of Article 11 of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.

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Geneva, 5 May 1980

Sir,

1. In reply to your letter of 18 April 1980, and in pursuance of the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, apart from the customs duties prescribed in the customs tariff, the only restrictive measures at present in force in Brazil on imports of, inter alia, textile products, are those taken by the Brazilian authorities in order to reduce the disequilibrium in the balance of payments, which have already been examined by the competent authorities of GATT.
2. These measures, which are temporary, are of a non-discriminatory nature and have appeared in the following legal texts:
 - (a) Suspension of the issue of import licences. The list of products still coming under this suspension is attached (Annex C) to the text of the communiqué Cacex No. 79/3 (document L/4777/Add.1).
 - (b) Surcharges on imports. Decree-Law 1755/80, the subject of a notification to the other contracting parties on 11 April last, which has not yet been circulated as a document of GATT, extends until 31 March 1981 the periods of application provided in Decree-Laws 1334/74, 1364/74 and 1421/75.
3. As regards the deposit corresponding to the f.o.b. value in cruzeiros of the "guia de importação", the Brazilian authorities, after adopting a calendar for the phasing out and final elimination of this restriction by 30 June 1983, at the latest (document L/4776) have decided, by Resolution No. 584/79 of the Central Bank of Brazil (document L/4963) to suspend all application of the measure.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Carlos A. Santos Neves
Counsellor