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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

HUNGARY

Attached is a report received by the TSB on the present status of restrictions on trade in textiles maintained by Hungary. 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.

Geneva, 8 September 1980

Dear Mr. Wurth,

With reference to your letter dated 3 July 1980, concerning bilateral quotas existing in Hungary in the textile sphere, I have the pleasure in drawing your attention to the following additional information:

Bilateral quotas in textile imports, notified by Hungary on 19 June 1980, are based on the annual protocols of long-term bilateral trade agreements (with Sweden from 1973, with Norway from 1970, with Greece from 1976). The lists of quotas of these protocols are extended automatically year by year, consequently, they are formally in effect, and as they form the subject of bilateral agreement, they cannot be eliminated with unilateral decision. The bilateral agreements, on the basis of which the lists of quotas are established, are at present under review, the agreement with Greece is to expire on 31 December 1980.

In Hungarian imports, the quotas in question do not represent any restriction, they are of indicative and not of restrictive character. This is clearly stated in the text of the respective bilateral agreement: Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Hungarian-Greek Agreement: "These lists are indicative and are not of restrictive nature." Article 2, paragraph 2 of the Hungarian-Norwegian Agreement: "The values or quantities established for 1970 in the lists ... represent the basic level of annual quotas", quotas with Sweden are marked "pro memoria".

Based on the above, we consider that Hungary maintains no quantitative restriction inconsistent with the MFA. It was merely for the sake of legal completeness that we notified the bilateral quotas in question. Should you wish to include the Hungarian notification in the report of the Textile Surveillance Body, you are kindly requested that these relevant facts appear together with the notification, as proper explanation to it.

In view of the fact that our notification of 19 June contained some technical inaccuracies, enclosed I am sending the amended text of the notification.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Ferenc Furulyas

Resident Representative
of Hungary to the GATT

Provisions of the GATT, NFA or others	BTW tariff number	Denomination of product	Type of applied measure	Countries affected	Imports of 1979	Date of introd.	Date of expiry	Observations
See: our detailed information in our letter sent to Mr.P.Wurth	ex ch. 53	Rayon wool /woolen and cotton types/ and tops	Automatically renewed annual bilateral quota: Nkr. 4,5 mill.	Norway	Nkr.0,16 mill.	1974	-	-
	63.02	Rags and textile waste	Automatically renewed annual bilateral quota: pro mem.	Sweden	-	1970	-	-
	ex ch. 61	Miscellaneous products, incl. glass fibre products, readymade clothing and other consumer goods	automatically renewed annual bilateral quota: pro mem.	Sweden	-	1970	-	-
	55.05-06	Cotton yarns	automatically renewed annual bilateral quota: \$ 0.7 mill.	Greece	\$ 2.8 mill.	1976	31.12.1980	-
	ch.60,61	Apparels and knitted goods	automatically renewed annual bilateral quota: \$ 0.35 mill.	Greece	-	1976	31.12.1980	-
	ch.63	Textile waste and rags	automatically renewed annual bilateral quota: pro mem.	Greece	\$ 0.82 mill.	1976	31.12.1980	-
	53.05-11	Wool, wool yarns, woven fabrics of wool and hevellia	automatically renewed annual bilateral quota: \$ 0.2 mill.	Greece	\$ 3.5 mill.	1976	31.12.1980	-