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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4.

Modifications to the Bilateral Agreement  
between the United States and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States concerning modifications to the bilateral agreement with Hong Kong.<sup>1</sup>

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding notifications under Article 4<sup>2</sup>, has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>The original bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/818.

<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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August 26, 1983

The Honorable  
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli,  
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body  
GATT  
154, rue de Lausanne  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

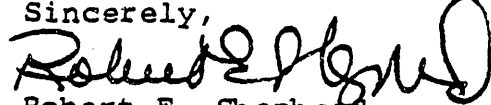
I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the establishment of specific limits for two additional categories under the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Hong Kong.

Annual limits were established for the 1982 agreement year pursuant to paragraph 7 (E) of the bilateral agreement (U.S. request) and converted to specific limits for the 1983 to 1986 agreement years pursuant to paragraph 7 (E) IV (Hong Kong request). While this process does not technically amend the agreement, the Governments of the United States and Hong Kong believe that the effect has been to modify the agreement in the sense referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 4, and that the new limits should be so notified.

The limits concerned are:

<u>Category</u>	<u>1982 limit</u>	<u>1983 Specific limit</u>	<u>Growth</u>	<u>Swing</u>
MMF Shirts (640)	645,000 DOZ	657,900 DOZ	2%	7%
Wool Suits WGI (444)	10,632 DOZ	10,845 DOZ	2%	7%

Sincerely,



Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister-Counselor