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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Action by the United States under Articles 3 and 6(c)

The following communication has been received by the Director-General from the United States mission, for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

On 28 February 1969, the United States Government requested the Government of Malaysia to enter into consultations with a view to limiting its exports to the United States in Cotton Textile Category 49 (coats). The United States Government had determined that these exports were causing market disruption within the meaning of Long-Term Arrangement Articles 3 and 6(c) and proposed that Malaysian exports in this category be limited to 1,700 dozen for the twelve-month period commencing with the date of its note. Since no alternative solution was mutually agreed upon, the United States Government on 15 May 1969 placed the proposed restraint level into effect as of 28 February 1969.

On 28 February 1969, the United States Government also requested the Government of Malaysia to enter into consultations with a view to limiting its exports to the United States in Cotton Textile Category 55 (dressing-gowns). The United States Government had determined that these exports were causing market disruption within the meaning of Long-Term Arrangement Articles 3 and 6(c) and proposed that Malaysian exports in this category be limited to 16,500 dozen for the twelve-month period commencing with the date of its note. Since no alternative solution was mutually agreed upon, the United States Government on 15 May, placed the proposed restraint level into effect as of 28 February 1969.

On 22 May 1969, the United States Government requested the Government of Malaysia to renew the restraint on Category 22 (carded twills and sateens) exported from Malaysia to the United States. The original request for restraint was made 24 May 1967. The restraint level for the twelve-month period ending 23 May 1970 will be 242,500 square yards equivalent, which includes a growth factor of 5 per cent over the previously prevailing level.

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