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Restraint Request made by Canada under Article 3

Addendum

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

I have the honour to refer to the notification by the Government of Canada, circulated in document COT/143 of 14 November, of a request made on 19 August by the Government of Canada to the Government of Mexico to restrain exports of cotton yarn from Mexico to Canada.

My authorities have asked me to inform you that in view of the fact that no agreement could be reached with the Mexican authorities on the request for export restraint or on any alternative solution, and since shipments of cotton yarn from Mexico to Canada in 1969 are now substantially in excess of the minimum level specified in Annex B to the Arrangement, the Government of Canada has on 21 November taken steps to render uneconomical the importation of further shipments of Mexican cotton yarn by the application to such importations of a surtax under Section 7(1A) of the Customs Tariff.

The Government of Canada has assured the Government of Mexico that it stands ready at any time to renew consultations with a view to reaching agreement on this issue.