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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 1970 the United States Government requested the Government of Malaysia to enter into consultations with a view to limiting exports to the United States from Malaysia of cotton tablecloths and napkins, n.e.s. These items are covered by TSUSA Nos. 366.4500, 366.4600, and 366.4700 and are included in Cotton Textile Category 64.

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 to the United States be limited to 74,000 pounds for the twelve-month period beginning with the date of the request.

Since no alternative was mutually agreed, the United States Government has instituted import controls, retroactive to 28 February, at the proposed restraint level.