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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Bilateral Agreement between the United States  
and the Republic of the Philippines<sup>1</sup>

Attached is the text of the notes exchanged between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines amending and expanding the bilateral agreement concluded between the two countries concerning trade in cotton textiles.<sup>2</sup>

This information has been transmitted to the Director-General by the United States mission for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

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<sup>1</sup>Not party to the Cotton Textiles Arrangement.

<sup>2</sup>See COT/23 and addenda.

Note No. 1

17 November 1970

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to the cotton textile agreement between our two Governments effected by exchange of notes dated 21 September 1967, as amended by exchange of notes dated 26 December 1967, and to recent discussions in Washington between representatives of our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles from the Philippines to the United States.

In accordance with these discussions, I have the honour to propose that the aforementioned agreement be amended and extended as provided in the following paragraphs:

- A. Paragraph 4 of the agreement is amended by substituting for the list of categories contained therein for Group B the following:

"Categories 28-51, 55-58, 60, 61, part of 63 (shoe uppers - TSUSA Nos. 380.3980 and 382.3380) and 64."

- B. Paragraph 5 of the agreement is amended by adding the following sentence:

"Within the aggregate limit specified in paragraph 3 and the group limit applicable to Group B specified in paragraph 4 as adjusted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 8, a specific limit is established for part of Category 63 (shoe uppers - TSUSA Nos. 380.3980 and 382.3380). The specific limit applicable to this part of Category 63 for the fourth agreement year commencing 1 January 1971, shall be 138,100 pounds (635,472 square yards equivalent)."

- C. Paragraph 8 of the agreement is amended by substituting for the phrase "and third agreement year" the phrase "and each subsequent agreement year".

- D. Paragraph 15 is deleted and the following paragraph is substituted in its place:

"15. This agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1968, and continue in force through 31 December 1973, provided that either Government may propose revisions in the terms of the agreement no later than ninety days prior to the beginning of a new twelve-month period. Either Government may terminate this agreement effective at the end of any calendar year by written notice to the other Government given at least ninety days prior to the end of any calendar year; provided that such termination shall not operate to prejudice the ability of the Philippines to export cotton textile to the United States in amounts preserving its proportionate share of the United States market as represented by the level specified in this agreement for the calendar year in which the agreement is terminated."

The Honourable Pablo R. Suarez  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim  
of the Philippines

- E. A new paragraph 17 is hereby added to the agreement which shall read as follows:

"17. In the event the Government of the Philippines should desire to ship non-traditional items within any category in Group A, it may do so as long as the amount shipped in any category does not exceed the consultation limit applicable to categories in Group B as specified in paragraph 9(b) of this agreement and the group limit established for Group B by paragraph 4 of this agreement is not exceeded. In the event the Government of the Philippines desires to permit exports of such items to exceed these limits during any agreement year, the consultation procedures of paragraph 9(b) shall apply."

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, my Government will consider this note and your affirmative reply to constitute an agreement amending and extending the aforementioned agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Philip H. Trezise

Note No. 2

17 November 1970

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note of today's date which reads as follows:

(See Note No. 1)

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines accepts the proposal set forth in your note, and considers your note and this note as constituting an agreement amending and extending the aforementioned agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Pablo R. Suarez, Jr.  
Minister  
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

His Excellency William P. Rogers  
Secretary of State,  
Washington, D.C.