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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Agreement between France and Japan

Attached is the text of the agreement concluded between France and Japan on 22 October 1969 concerning trade in cotton textiles.

The text of this agreement has been transmitted to the Director-General by the French Permanent Delegation for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE
ON TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

The object of this Agreement is to ensure the orderly development of trade in cotton textiles between Japan and France in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on International Trade in Cotton Textiles, extended up to 30 September 1970, (hereinafter called "Geneva Agreement"), and in particular Article 4 thereof, which provides for the conclusion of mutually acceptable agreements. To this end the Government of Japan and the Government of France have agreed to co-operate and to implement the following provisions:

Article 1

This Agreement shall apply to cotton textiles originating in and despatched from Japan mentioned in the Annex to this Agreement.

Article 2

For the duration of this Agreement and by virtue of the provisions contained therein or annexed thereto, the Government of France undertakes not to introduce new quantitative restrictions and agrees not to invoke the provisions of Article 3 of the Geneva Agreement as long as imports into France of cotton textiles originating in and despatched from Japan do not exceed the quantities agreed upon.

The Government of Japan undertakes to take the appropriate measures, especially when so requested by France, to ensure that the ceilings agreed upon are respected, and to co-operate with the Government of France in implementing the measures recognized as necessary for this purpose.

The provisions of the Geneva Agreement shall remain in force between the two Governments.

Article 3

(a) Global ceiling

The total quantity agreed upon for each twelve-month period shall be 2,650 metric tons.

(b) Ceilings by groups of categories

The said total quantity shall be apportioned as follows between the two main groups of categories of products shown below:

| | | <u>Metric tons</u> |
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| Group I | Cotton fabrics, grey or bleached, whether or not mercerized | 1,550 |

Metric tons

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| Group II | Other cotton fabrics, made-up articles and miscellaneous articles of cotton | 1,100 |
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(c) Specific ceilings

Up to each of the ceilings by groups of categories established under (b) above, specific ceilings will be agreed upon in order to prevent excessive concentration of trade on certain products; these ceilings will be fixed on the basis of the list annexed to this Agreement.

If, in the course of one of the twelve-month periods, the Government of France notes a rapid and substantial growth in imports of certain products which are not covered by specific ceilings, it may request that a specific ceiling be fixed. Where such a request is made, consultation shall be held forthwith to agree upon the level of a specific ceiling for the product in question.

Article 4

1. No transfer may be made between the quantity fixed for Group I and that for Group II.

The specific ceilings must not be exceeded; within the framework of ceilings by groups the unused portions of the specific ceilings may be used for the other categories of the group which are not covered by specific ceilings.

2. Portions of one of the ceilings for the two groups of categories not used during any twelve-month period can be carried over and added to the ceiling for the same group in the following twelve-month period up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the ceiling in question.

The unused portions of the specific ceilings by category may be carried over and added to the same specific ceilings for the following year up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the said ceilings if the specific ceilings have not been the subject of a transfer or of a carry-over for some other purpose.

3. Within a limit of 5 per cent of each of the ceilings agreed upon, advance deliveries shall be authorized from the ceiling established for the following twelve-month period, if the Government of Japan so requests in writing in due time; the Government of Japan, however, shall endeavour to ensure that exports of cotton textiles of all categories are spaced out as regularly as possible over each of the twelve-month periods, taking seasonal factors in particular into account. Amounts delivered in advance shall be deducted from the ceilings for the following twelve-month period.

Article 5

The Governments agree to exchange all information relating to exports of cotton textiles from Japan to France and to the corresponding imports into France. Each Government shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, apply whatever classification it has available and shall co-operate in facilitating comparison of information thus supplied.

Article 6

Should the Government of France inform the Government of Japan that difficulties have arisen, in implementing this Agreement, regarding the maintenance of existing commercial relations between importers in France and their suppliers in Japan, the two Governments shall consult together in order to determine all the necessary measures to ensure that these commercial relations are maintained.

Article 7

The two Governments undertake to consult each other, at the request of either, on all problems arising from the implementation of this Agreement.

Furthermore, the Government of Japan and the Government of France agree to take part each year in consultations between the representatives of the Government of Japan and representatives of the Governments of the member States and of the Commission of the European Economic Community regarding the overall aspects of trade in cotton textiles.

Article 8

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall be applicable for the period of twelve months starting on 1 October 1969.

The provisions of paragraph 4 of the Protocol extending the Geneva Agreement shall be applicable to this Agreement. In case of application, the undertakings contained in this Agreement shall continue to apply in an appropriate form.

The Annex to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Done at Tokyo on 22 October 1969 in Japanese and French, both texts being equally authentic.

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ANNEX

LIST OF COTTON TEXTILE PRODUCTS REFERRED TO
IN ARTICLE 1

| Group of categories | Categories | Description of product |
|---------------------|--|---|
| GROUP I | | <u>COTTON FABRICS, GREY OR BLEACHED, MERCERIZED OR NOT</u> |
| | B | COTTON FABRICS, GREY |
| | B 1 | Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics |
| | B 2 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing less than 85 per cent by weight of cotton |
| | B 3 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 70 but not more than 130 grs. per square metre, of a width more than 115 cm. but not more than 165 cm. only with a yarn numbered less than 55,000 m/kg. (English number 32) |
| | B 4 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing not more than 130 grs. per square metre, other than those under B 3 |
| | B 5 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 130 but not more than 200 grs. per square metre, of a width of at least 85 cm. but not more than 115 cm. |
| B 6 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing per square metre more than 130 grs. but not more than 200 grs. of a width of more than 115 cm. | |

| Group of categories | Categories | Description of product |
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| GROUP I (cont'd) | B 7 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, of a width at least of 85 cm. other than plain weave |
| | B 8 | Other woven fabrics |
| | C | COTTON FABRICS OTHER THAN GREY |
| | C 1 | Bleached, mercerized or not |
| GROUP II | <u>OTHER COTTON FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF COTTON</u> | |
| | C 2 | Gauze other than grey or bleached |
| | C 3 | Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, other than grey or bleached |
| | C 4 | Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton falling within heading number 55.08 and fabrics falling within heading number 58.05) |
| | C 5 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, dyed |
| | C 6 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, printed |
| | C 7 | Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, made with yarns of various colours |
| | D | HOUSEHOLD MADE-UP ARTICLES OF COTTON |
| | D 1 | Bed linen |
| | D 2 | Table linen |
| | D 3 | Terry toilet linen and terry kitchen linen |

| Group of categories | Categories | Description of product |
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| GROUP II (cont'd) | D 4 | Other household articles |
| | E | COTTON CLOTHING |
| | E 1 | Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized |
| | E 2 | Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized |
| | E 3 | Outergarments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized. Articles other than knitted or crocheted fabrics and articles thereof, elastic or rubberized |
| | E 4 | Woven trousers and breeches, for men and boys |
| | E 5 | Other woven outergarments for men and boys |
| | E 6 | Woven outergarments for women, girls and infants |
| | E 7 | Shirts and bodices for men and boys |
| | E 8 | Other woven undergarments for men and boys |
| | E 9 | Woven undergarments for women, girls and infants |
| | E 10 | Handkerchiefs |
| | E 11 | Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories |
| | F | MISCELLANEOUS COTTON FABRICS AND MADE-UP ARTICLES |
| | F 1 | Travelling rugs and blankets |
| | F 2 | Floor-cloths, dish-cloths, dusters, and the like |
| | F 3 | Pneumatic mattresses |
| | F 4 | Others |