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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

The following notification has been received by the Director-General from the United Kingdom mission.

Details of the arrangements introduced by the United Kingdom Government for the regulation of imports of cotton textiles were circulated to the Cotton Textiles Committee in an aide-memoire dated 1 July 1966 (COT/59/Add.2). Now attached for the information of the Committee is a full statement of the quotas applying to individual supplying countries, for the year ending 31 December 1970.

As we announced in our aide-memoire, imports from restricted sources were increased by 1 per cent compound in the years 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970.

The Government intends to replace their existing general quota system at the end of 1971 and to introduce a tariff on cotton textiles from Commonwealth countries as from 1 January 1972. The abolition of quota control will not, however, apply to Eastern European countries and Mainland China.

ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO EXPORTS OF COTTON
TEXTILES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

I. The following is a summary of the arrangements as at 1 October 1970 for the control of exports of cotton spun or woven textile goods for retention in the United Kingdom during 1970 from the countries listed below.

Hong Kong

Exports of cotton textiles from Hong Kong to the United Kingdom will be limited to the following amounts:

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| Yarn (lb.) | 6.6 million |
| Cloth and made-ups (sq. yds.) | 195.0 million |

India

Exports of cotton textiles from India to the United Kingdom will be limited to the following amounts:

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| Yarn (lb.) | 12.0 million |
| Cloth and made-ups (sq. yds.) | 202.9 million |

Japan

Under the present arrangements, imports from Japan are restricted to:

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| Cotton yarn (lb.) | 103,030 |
| Woven cotton fabrics (sq. yds.) | 8,005,439 |
| Industrial goods of cotton (sq. yds.) | 612,060 |
| Textile secondary products wholly or mainly of cotton (sq. yds.) | 828,200 |

Outergarments (including gloves),
underwear, handkerchiefs, shawls,
scarves, mufflers of woven cotton
fabric

The agreement made for a regular exchange
of information about the rate of Japanese
exports to the United Kingdom will be
continued in 1970 with a view to con-
taining the level of trade opportunities
in 1970 within the level of 1968, allowing
1 per cent annually for growth.

Eastern area countries and China

The United Kingdom limits imports of cotton textiles from the USSR, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and the People's Republic of China. The restrictions apply to:

Cotton yarn, piece-goods and made-up goods; the total annual quotas are about £2½ million.

II. The countries listed below have been allocated the following quotas and special country quotas:

| COUNTRY | Yarn | Greycloth | Finished cloth | Made-ups | Special country quota |
|----------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | '000 lb. | '000 sq. yds. | '000 sq. yds. | '000 sq. yds. | '000 sq. yds. |
| Algeria | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Brazil | - | 3,339 | - | - | 92 |
| British Honduras | - | - | - | - | 80 |
| Ceylon | 8 | - | - | - | - |
| Columbia | - | 477 | - | - | - |
| Cyprus | - | 15 | - | - | 111 |
| Formosa | - | 2,254 | - | - | 347 |
| Gibraltar | - | - | - | - | 390 |
| Greece | 281 | 55 | - | - | 65 |
| Iran | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Israel | 714 | 10 | 156 | 136 | 520 |
| Jamaica | 200 | - | - | 385 | - |
| Kenya | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Lebanon | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| Macao | - | - | - | 1,469 | 520 |
| Malaysia | - | 2,685 | 83 | 26 | 520 |
| Malta | 148 | 26 | - | 212 | 437 |
| Mexico | - | 489 | - | - | - |
| Morocco | - | - | - | - | 31 |
| Nigeria | - | - | - | - | 65 |
| Pakistan | 294 | 21,817 | 632 | 261 | 520 |
| Senegal | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Singapore | - | 404 | 434 | 2,605 | 520 |
| South Africa | - | - | - | 357 | 520 |
| South Korea | - | 5,225 | - | - | 207 |
| Spain | 2,585 | 4,714 | 1,742 | 2,738 | 520 |
| Surinam | - | 30 | - | - | - |
| Syria | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| Thailand | - | - | - | - | 21 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | - | - | - | - | 44 |
| Turkey | - | 2,430 | - | - | 10 |
| United Arab Republic | 379 | 1,717 | 289 | - | 520 |
| Yugoslavia | - | 3,022 | 898 | 110 | 520 |

III. Global quota

In addition to the preceding individual country quotas and special country quotas, all countries, with the exception of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Portugal, the Republic of Ireland, and the Eastern Area countries may participate in a global quota of:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Yarn (lb.) | 4,433,494 |
| Greycloth (sq. yds.) | 54,705,594 |
| Finished and piece-goods (sq. yds.) | 5,158,794 |
| Made-up goods (sq. yd. equivalent) | 8,795,185 |

Within these group totals the following category limits will apply:

Yarn (lb.)

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| Folded, grey or finished. | 1,789,839 |
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Greycloth (sq. yds.)

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| Drills, jeans and gaberdines | 1,657,682 |
| Poplins | 585,860 |
| Other fabrics exceeding 46 inches in width but not exceeding 60 inches width | 3,205,060 |
| Other fabrics exceeding 60 inches width | 6,638,013 |

Finished cloth (sq. yds.)

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| Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics | 3,122 |
| Corduroys | 534,871 |
| Poplins | 460,467 |
| Other yarn - dyed piece-goods | 1,030,198 |
| Other bleached piece-goods | 2,583,299 |
| Other printed piece-goods | 179,504 |

Made-ups (sq. yd. equivalent)

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| Bed linen | 1,953,734 |
| Towels | 861,621 |
| Men's and boys' shirts | 1,367,873 |
| Men's, women's and children's nightwear and underwear | 1,731,045 |
| Raincoats and other proofed garments | 27,566 |
| Handkerchiefs | 84,809 |
| Men's and boys' coats, waistcoats and trousers | 1,352,785 |