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Views of Contracting Parties on the Interpretation  
of Article III

Addendum

The following statement has been received from the Government of the United States of America:

"The United States Government does not consider that the background material leading to the adoption of Article III clarifies the intent of this provision. It may be of interest, however, to consider the present interpretation given to comparable language in the United States Tariff Act under which temporary free importation of the samples in question would have to be authorized.

"Section 308(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1308(3)) provides for the temporary free importation under bond of 'samples ... solely for use in taking orders for merchandise ...'. Under this language of the Tariff Act, patterns of dresses made out of paper or inferior cloth would not be entitled to entry as samples for taking orders. However, reduced-scale models of articles constructed of the same materials as the goods for which orders are sought may be considered to be samples entitled to temporary free entry under Section 308(3) of the Tariff Act if they are made sufficiently to scale so as to be truly representative of the articles for which orders are to be taken."

