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COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE

Report on the Meetings of the Committee held at the Palais des Nations from 15-17 December 1969 and from 25-27 May 1970

1. Article 8(d) of the Long-Term Arrangement requires the Cotton Textiles Committee to meet not later than one year before the expiry of the Arrangement in order to consider whether the Arrangement should be extended, modified or discontinued.

2. Discussion of this issue was initiated by the Committee at its meeting in October 1969 (see document L/3238) and was continued at subsequent meetings in December 1969 and May 1970. The report on the last two meetings is attached herewith.

3. Following these discussions, a Protocol was established providing for the prolongation of the Arrangement for a further period of three years, i.e. until 30 September 1973. A copy of the Protocol, which has been circulated in document L/3403 and was opened for acceptance on 15 June 1970 is annexed to this report.