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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Prolongation of the Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Sweden of a prolongation of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 1 April 1983 to 31 August 1983.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4², has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement and a subsequent amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/712 and 826

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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Stockholm, 8 March 1983

Consultations on a new agreement between the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of Sweden regarding exports of certain textile products from Hong Kong to Sweden have taken place in Hong Kong and in Stockholm under the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and the Protocol of Extension of 22 December 1981. It has, however, not been possible to conclude an agreement during these consultations.

To allow the Swedish and Hong Kong authorities time to reflect on the future course of action, and with a view to avoiding hardship to the commercial relations between Hong Kong and Sweden, the two delegations have agreed upon prolongation of the current Memorandum of Understanding to 31 August 1983. Hong Kong will continue issuing export licences for exports to Sweden of the textile products at present under restraint, and Sweden will continue to issue import licences on the basis thereof.

It is understood that during the period 1 April 1982 to 31 August 1983 exports from Hong Kong to Sweden of the items in question will not exceed 17/12 of the aggregate level as well as of the specific group and sub-group levels specified in Annex I, column (g), of the Memorandum of Understanding of 1 April 1981. All other relevant provisions of the said Memorandum would apply. The levels as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding on Groups B, C and D of 1 April 1981, are scaled up to 17/12.

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