## **GENERAL AGREEMENT ON**

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# TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

#### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Haiti

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Haiti.

The notification was made under Articles 7 and 8 in accordance with the request made by the Textiles Committee that participating countries notify agreements with non-participants.

The TSB is forwarding the text of the notification to the Textiles Committee for information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement between the parties is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1254.

<sup>\*</sup>English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

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#### UNITED STATES AND REPUBLIC OF HAITI SIGN NEW BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Republic of Haiti exchanged notes to amend the bilateral textile agreement of September 26, 1986, and September 30, 1986. Texts of the notes follow.

#### UNITED STATES NOTE

June 9, 1987

I have the honor to refer to the arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, done in Geneva on December 20, 1973, as extended by protocols dated December 14, 1977, December 22, 1981 and July 31, 1986, and to the Agreement between the Government of Haiti and the Government of the United States of America on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products effected by an exchange of letters dated September 26, 1986, and September 30, 1986. I also refer to consultations between representatives of our two Governments held in Washington on May 11-12, 1987.

I have the further honor to propose the following amendments to the Agreement.

Paragraph 2 (C) of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

"The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this agreement, except as provided for in this paragraph. For the purposes of this agreement merged Category 337/637 shall have a conversion factor of 23.0 square yards equivalent per dozen. Annex A shall be amended by adding the following:

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and a second	Conversion	
Category	<u>Factor</u>	<u>Unit of</u>
301 Combed Cotton Yarn	4.6 SYE	pound

Annex 8, Guaranteed Access Levels, shall be amended s follows:

	Category	Annual Levels 1987, 1988, 1989
Delete Add		400,000 dozen 400,000 dozen

Annex C, Designated Consultation Levels, shall be imended as follows:

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	Category	1987, 1988, 1989
Delete Add	341/341 341/641	175,000 dozen 320,000 dozen
		Annual Level
	Category	1987
Add	340/640	320,000 dozen

My Government further confirms that charges of 75,000 dozen which have been recorded against the Designated Consultation Level for Category 347/348 shall be deducted COM.TEX/SB/1324 Page 4

immediately from the Designated Consultation Level and charged against the Guaranteed Access Level for Category 347/348. It is understood that documentation will be provided substantiating that these shipments qualified for the Guaranteed Access Level.

My Government agrees to review documentation to be provided by your Government substantiating that certain shipments which have been charged against the Designated Consultation Levels for various categories were, in fact, qualified for the Guaranteed Access Levels. Should the documentation provided substantiate that fabric formed and in the United States of America was used in the cut assembly of these products, my Government will deduct the appropriate from the Designated Consultation charges Levels and charge them against the corresponding Guaranteed Access Levels.

My Government agrees to adopt these procedures on a one-time basis in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the start-up of the Guaranteed Access Program. To be eligible for this adjustment, shipments of fabric pieces made of fabric formed and cut in the United States of America must have been exported from the United States of America prior to June 1, 1987, and must have been assembled into goods exported from Haiti after December 31, 1986.

If the foregoing confirms with the understanding of the Government of Haiti, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments.

I take this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Haiti the assurances of my highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America, Port-au-Prince, June 9, 1987

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#### HAITI NOTE

Port au Prince, 23 June 1987

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter No. 258 of 9 June 1987 which reads as follows:

#### UNITED STATES NOTE

In the name of the Government of the Republic of Haiti I also have the honor to confirm the amendments and to agree that your letter and this letter shall be considered as constituting an amendment of the Agreement effected by exchange of letters of 25 and 30 September 1987, which will enter into effect on the date of this letter.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew, Mr. Ambassador, assurances of my highest consideration.

/Signed/

Herard ABRAHAM Colonel of the Armed Forces of Haiti Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Mr. Brunson McKinley Ambassador of the UInited States of America