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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 2:4

Status of Restrictions Maintained on Imports Of Textiles and Textile Products

China

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a communication from China concerning restrictions maintained by it on imports of textile products. This communication was submitted under Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Arrangement.¹

After its review,² the TSB noted that the notification added no new information and felt, as it did on the occasion of its previous reviews of China's notifications, that it still was not able to determine whether or not all restrictions maintained by China were in conformity with the Arrangement.

It decided, nevertheless, to transmit this notification to participating countries, for their information. The TSB understood that the decision to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee was without prejudice to the completion of its review of China's notifications under Article 2:4 and to the ongoing consultations in the Working Party on China's status as a contracting party.³

¹The two previous notifications referred to in the communication are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1392 and 1430.

²The review was made according to the procedures for participating countries which have acceded to the MFA under Article 13:2 (COM.TEX/SB/27, Annex).

³For details of the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/1503.

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Letter form the Permanent Mission
of the People's Republic of China

5 July 1989

Dear Mr. Chairman,

In response to your letter of 28 February 1989 (TS/140-1.1) addressed to Ambassador Qian Jiadong, concerning restrictions maintained by China on textile imports under Article 2 of MFA, I wish to inform you that no changes have taken place since the two previous notifications sent by my delegation on 22 September 1987 and 22 September 1988 respectively.

With regard to the various factors affecting imports, please refer to Doc. Spec(88)13/Add.4 prepared by the GATT secretariat for the "Working Party on China".

I remain, dear Mr. Chairman,

Yours sincerely,

(Wu Jiahuang)
Permanent Mission
of China in Geneva