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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between Canada and Turkey

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an extension of its bilateral agreement with Turkey for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications received under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement and a previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1383 and 1686.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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VERBAL NOTE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Canadian Embassy and referring to the Latter's Note No. 170, dated 4 March 1991, has the honour to inform the Embassy that the Canadian proposal for the extension, until 31 December 1992 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governing Textile and Textile Products Trade Between Canada and Turkey which was submitted to the attention of the Turkish Authorities shall be approved provided that, all rights in the field of textile trade which can be obtained by Turkey at the end of Uruguay Round Negotiations are preserved, together with all terms and conditions on flexibility and growth rates contained in the current MOU.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Canadian Embassy the assurances of its highest considerations.

Ankara, 12 April 1991

Embassy of Canada
Ankara

TEXT OF NOTE FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, ANKARA,

4 MARCH 1991

"... Canadian Authorities would like to refer to the Uruguay Round of GATT Negotiations and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Turkey relating to the export from Turkey of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU).

Given the decision to extend the Uruguay Round, it appears likely that negotiations will extend beyond the expiry on 31 July 1991, of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA). No deadline for these negotiations has been set, but it is likely that this extension, combined with the time necessary for implementation of the results, would take us beyond the 31 December 1991, expiry of our current MOU.

The prolongation of the Uruguay Round Negotiations, the expiry of the MFA on 31 July 1991, and the expiry of the current MOU at the end of this year will cause considerable uncertainty in the textile and clothing industries of both Canada and Turkey. Order will soon be placed for 1992. Given this uncertainty in both countries and the need to maintain protection for the domestic textile industry in Canada, Canadian Authorities propose that the MOU governing our bilateral textile trade be extended for a period of one year, until 31 December 1992. The extension envisaged by Canadian Authorities would apply to all terms and conditions contained in our current MOU, including growth rates and flexibility provisions. The extension will be without prejudice to any changes which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round governing textile trade beyond 1991.

Canadian Authorities would appreciate an early response to this proposal so that they can reflect on any other measures which may be necessary to ensure protection for the Canadian Industry until the results of a successful Uruguay Round are implemented..."