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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Extension of the bilateral agreement between Canada and Vietnam

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an extension of its bilateral agreement with Vietnam for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992.¹

This notification was made pursuant to a request by the Textiles Committee that restrictions applied to non-participants be notified. The TSB is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹ The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1240.

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Canadian Embassy

Note No. 113

The Canadian Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has the honour to refer to the Uruguay Round of Negotiations on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Vietnam relating to the export from Vietnam of certain textiles and textile products (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 in both Canada and Vietnam. Orders will soon be placed for delivery in 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 would 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.

The Canadian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bangkok, 18 March 1991

Canadian Embassy

Note No. 114

The Canadian Embassy presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has the honour to enclose a note for the attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The note concerns the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Vietnam.

The Canadian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Attention Mr. Bertrand Desjardins
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Referring your note No. 113 dated 19 March we wish to inform Vietnam Authorities agreed to proposed extension to MOU 7/86 - until 31 December 1992 stop. Extension would apply to all terms / conditions contained therein including growth rates and flexibility provisions stop. Our note soon follows. Regards

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