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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Poland

Attached is the text of the notes exchanged between the Government of the United States and the Government of Poland effecting a new agreement concerning trade in cotton textiles between the two countries.

The text of this Agreement has been transmitted to the Director-General by the United States mission for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

Note No. 1

Department of State,  
Washington.

15 March 1967

Sir,

I refer to recent discussions held in Washington between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Polish People's Republic concerning exports of cotton textiles from Poland to the United States. As a result of these discussions, I propose the following agreement relating to this trade, which agreement shall replace, as of 1 March 1967, the agreement between our two Governments relating to such trade effected by an exchange of notes of 18 and 20 May 1966.<sup>1</sup>

1. The term of this agreement shall be from 1 March 1967 through 28 February 1970. During the term of this agreement the Government of the Polish People's Republic shall limit annual exports of cotton textiles from Poland to the United States to aggregate, group and specific limits at the levels specified in the following paragraphs.
2. For the first agreement year, constituting the 12-month period beginning 1 March 1967, the aggregate limit shall be 5 million square yards equivalent.
3. Within the aggregate limit, the following group limits shall apply for the first agreement year:

|          |                                | <u>In million square yards<br/>equivalent</u> |
|----------|--------------------------------|---|
| Group I  | Apparel (categories 39-63)     | 2.6   |
| Group II | Other (categories 1-38 and 64) | 2.4   |

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Polish People's Republic.

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<sup>1</sup>See document COT/38 Add.3.

4. Within the aggregate limit and the applicable group limits, the following specific limits shall apply for the first agreement year:

Group I

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Category 42 | 25,000 dozen   |
| Category 43 | 45,000 dozen   |
| Category 46 | 10,000 dozen   |
| Category 53 | 11,000 dozen   |
| Category 60 | 13,500 dozen   |
| Category 62 | 147,000 pounds |

Group II

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Category 19 | 900,000 square yards  |
| Category 26 | 500,000 square yards (of which not more than 150,000 square yards may be in duck) |
| Category 28 | 200,000 pieces  |

5. Within the aggregate limit, the limit for Group I may be exceeded by not more than 5 per cent, and the limit for Group II may be exceeded by not more than 10 per cent. Within the applicable group limit, as it may be adjusted under this provision, specific limits may be exceeded by not more than 5 per cent.

6. Within the group limit for each group the square yard equivalent of any shortfalls occurring in exports in the categories given specific limits may be used in any category not given a specific limit. In the event the Government of the Polish People's Republic desires to permit exports during any agreement year of more than the level of the consultation limit in any category not having a specific limit, the Government of the Polish People's Republic shall request consultations with the Government of the United States on this question. For the first agreement year the level of the consultation limit for each category in Group I not having a specific limit shall be 350,000 square yards equivalent, and for each category in Group II not having a specific limit shall be 500,000 square yards equivalent. The Government of the United States of America shall enter into such consultations and, during the course thereof, shall provide the Government of the Polish People's Republic with information on the condition of the United States market in the category in question. Until agreement is reached, the Government of the Polish People's Republic shall continue to limit exports in that category for that agreement year to the consultation limit.

7. The Government of the Polish People's Republic shall use its best efforts to space exports from Poland to the United States within each category evenly throughout the agreement year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.
8. In the second and succeeding 12-month periods for which any limitation is in force under this agreement, the level of exports permitted under such limitation shall be increased by 5 per cent of the corresponding level for the preceding 12-month period, the latter level not to include any adjustments under paragraph 5 above.
9. The two Governments recognize that the successful implementation of this agreement depends in large part upon mutual co-operation on statistical questions. The Government of the United States of America shall promptly supply the Government of the Polish People's Republic with monthly data on the import of cotton textiles from Poland. The Government of the Polish People's Republic shall promptly supply the Government of the United States of America with data on monthly exports of cotton textiles to the United States. Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other available relevant statistical data requested by the other Government.
10. In the implementation of this agreement, the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yard equivalents listed in Annex A hereto shall apply. In any situation where the determination of an article to be a cotton textile would be affected by whether the criterion provided for in Article 9 of the Long-Term Arrangements is used or the criterion provided for in paragraph 2 of Annex E of the Long-Term Arrangements is used, the chief-value criterion used by the Government of the United States of America in accordance with paragraph 2 of Annex E shall apply.
11. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Polish People's Republic agree to consult on any question arising in the implementation of the agreement.
12. Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this agreement including differences in points of procedure or operation.
13. If the Government of the Polish People's Republic considers that as a result of limitations specified in this agreement, Poland is being placed in an inequitable position vis-à-vis a third country, the Government of the Polish People's Republic may request consultation with the Government of the United States of America with the view to taking appropriate remedial action such as reasonable modification of this agreement.

14. During the term of this agreement, the Government of the United States of America will not apply the provisions of Article 6(c) and 3 of the Long-Term Arrangements Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles done at Geneva on 9 February 1962 to restrain the export of cotton textiles from Poland to the United States.

15. The Government of the United States of America may assist the Government of the Polish People's Republic in implementing the provisions of this agreement by controlling imports of cotton textiles.

16. Either Government may terminate this agreement, effective at the end of an agreement year, by written notice to the other Government to be given at least 90 days prior to the end of such agreement year. Either Government may at any time propose revisions in the terms of this agreement.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Polish People's Republic, this note and your note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of the Polish People's Republic shall constitute an agreement between our Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Anthony M. Solomon

Enclosure: Annex

ANNEX 4

| <u>Category number</u> | <u>Description</u>  | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Conversion factor to sq.yds.</u> |
|------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1                      | Cotton yarn, carded, singles                                | lb.         | 4.6                                 |
| 2                      | Cotton yarn, carded, plied                                  | lb.         | 4.6                                 |
| 3                      | Cotton yarn, combed, singles                                | lb.         | 4.6                                 |
| 4                      | Cotton yarn, combed, plied                                  | lb.         | 4.6                                 |
| 5                      | Gingham, carded   | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 6                      | Gingham, combed   | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 7                      | Velveteen   | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 8                      | Corduroy  | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 9                      | Sheeting, carded  | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 10                     | Sheeting, combed  | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 11                     | Lawns, carded   | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 12                     | Lawns, combed   | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 13                     | Voile, carded   | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 14                     | Voile, combed   | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 15                     | Poplin and broadcloth, carded                               | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 16                     | Poplin and broadcloth, combed                               | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 17                     | Typewriter ribbon cloth                                     | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 18                     | Print cloth, shirting, type, 80 x 80 type, carded           | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 19                     | Print cloth, shirting, type other than 80 x 80 type, carded | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 20                     | Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, carded                         | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 21                     | Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, combed                         | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 22                     | Twill and sateen, carded                                    | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 23                     | Twill and sateen, combed                                    | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 24                     | Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed, carded                     | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 25                     | Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed, combed                     | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 26                     | Woven fabric, n.e.s., other, carded                         | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 27                     | Woven fabric, n.e.s., other, combed                         | sq.yds.     | not required                        |
| 28                     | Pillowcases, not ornamented, carded                         | numbers     | 1.084                               |
| 29                     | Pillowcases, not ornamented, combed                         | numbers     | 1.084                               |
| 30                     | Towels, dish  | numbers     | .348                                |
| 31                     | Towels, other   | numbers     | .348                                |

| <u>Category number</u> | <u>Description</u>  | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Conversion factor to sq.yds.</u> |
|------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 32                     | Handkerchiefs, whether or not in the piece  | dozen       | 1.66                                |
| 33                     | Table damask and manufactures   | lb.         | 3.17                                |
| 34                     | Sheets, carded  | numbers     | 6.2                                 |
| 35                     | Sheets, combed  | numbers     | 6.2                                 |
| 36                     | Bedsreads and quilts  | numbers     | 6.9                                 |
| 37                     | Braided and woven elastic   | lb.         | 4.6                                 |
| 38                     | Fishing nets and fish netting   | lb.         | 4.6                                 |
| 39                     | Gloves and mittens  | dozen       | 3.527                               |
| 40                     | Hose and half hose  | doz.prs.    | 4.6                                 |
| 41                     | T-shirts, all white, knit, men's and boys'  | dozen       | 7.234                               |
| 42                     | T-shirts, other knit  | dozen       | 7.234                               |
| 43                     | Shirts, knit, other than T-shirts and sweatshirts   | dozen       | 7.234                               |
| 44                     | Sweaters and cardigans  | dozen       | 36.8                                |
| 45                     | Shirts, dress, not knit, men's and boys'  | dozen       | 22.186                              |
| 46                     | Shirts, sport, not knit, men's and boys'  | dozen       | 24.457                              |
| 47                     | Shirts, work, not knit, men's and boys'   | dozen       | 22.186                              |
| 48                     | Raincoats, 3/4 length or longer, not knit   | dozen       | 50.0                                |
| 49                     | Coats, other, not knit  | dozen       | 32.5                                |
| 50                     | Trousers, slacks, and shorts (outer), not knit, men's and boys'                                       | dozen       | 17.797                              |
| 51                     | Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), not knit, women's, girls' and infants'                           | dozen       | 17.797                              |
| 52                     | Blouses, not knit   | dozen       | 14.53                               |
| 53                     | Dresses, (including uniforms) not knit  | dozen       | 45.3                                |
| 54                     | Playsuits, sunsuits, washsuits, creepers, rompers, etc., not knit, n.e.s.                             | dozen       | 25.0                                |
| 55                     | Dressing gowns, including bathrobes and beachrobes, lounging gowns, housecoats, and dusters, not knit | dozen       | 51.0                                |

| <u>Category<br/>number</u> | <u>Description</u>                               | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Conversion factor<br/>to sq.yds.</u> |
|----------------------------|--|-------------|---|
| 56                         | Undershirts, knit, men's and<br>boys'            | dozen       | 9.2                                     |
| 57                         | Briefs and undershorts, men's<br>and boys'       | dozen       | 11.25                                   |
| 58                         | Drawers, shorts, and briefs,<br>knit, n.e.s.     | dozen       | 5.0                                     |
| 59                         | All other underwear, not knit                    | dozen       | 16.0                                    |
| 60                         | Pyjamas and other nightwear                      | dozen       | 51.96                                   |
| 61                         | Brassieres and other body<br>supporting garments | dozen       | 4.75                                    |
| 62                         | Wearing apparel, knit, n.e.s.                    | lb.         | 4.6                                     |
| 63                         | Wearing apparel, not knit,<br>n.e.s.             | lb.         | 4.6                                     |
| 64                         | All other cotton textiles                        | lb.         | 4.6                                     |

Note No. 2

Washington

15 March 1967

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of 15 March 1967 relating to exports of cotton textiles from Poland to the United States which reads as follows:

(See Note No. 1)

I confirm that this is also the understanding of the Government of the Polish People's Republic. It is therefore agreed that your note and this note of confirmation shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Zdzislaw Szewczyk  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

H.E. Dean Rusk,  
Secretary of State of the  
United States of America.