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HORWAY - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM HONG KONG

The following communication dated 20 July 1978 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway.

With reference to item 1 on the agenda dealt with by the Council on 6 June 1978 (Norway - Restrictions on imports of textiles from Hong Kong), I have the honour to inform you that upon conclusion of a further round of consultations between Norway and Hong Kong in Oslo the following press release has been issued by the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

"A further round of consultations between delegations from Norway and Hong Kong was concluded in Oslo today (30 June 1978).

"The consultations were a continuation of those held last month concerning the arrangements which would apply to trade in textiles between Norway and Hong Kong.

"Both delegations expressed the view that progress had been made towards reaching a mutually acceptable bilateral agreement on trade in textiles, although in some areas differences of opinion and approach remained unresolved. Both delegations recognized that in the circumstances other solutions to the current problems under the terms of the GATT may be necessary.

"Further consultations may nonetheless be held later in the year."