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Various Textile Items

Addendum

The following communication dated 1 October 1979 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway.

1. With reference to documents L/4692 of 24 July 1978 and L/4692/Add.1 of 27 November 1978, the Government of Norway hereby notifies the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the system of global import quotas on various textile items will be prolonged by half a year. The size of the global quotas is based on the quotas for the corresponding period in 1979 and adjusted according to revised and more precise conversion factors and changes in market demand. With the issuance of import licences starting 1 October 1979, the following quotas have been established for imports assumed to take place in the first six months of 1980:

(1) knitted shirts, blouses and T-shirts	575,000 pieces
(2) knitted undergarments	1,750,000 "
(3) knitted jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans and pullovers	1,600,000 "
(4) jackets of woven material including part of suits and sets	325,000 "
(5) trousers of woven material including part of suits and sets	585,000 "
(6) outer garments of woven material for infants	415,000 "
(7) shirts of woven material	415,000 "
(8) blouses of woven material	300,000 "
(9) bed linen	70,000 kgs.

The global quotas for imports in this period will be allocated among importers on the same basis as the corresponding allocation of quotas for imports in 1979.

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2. As far as the other modalities of the global quota system are concerned, the present principles of implementation, as stated in document L/4692/Add.1 of 27 November 1978, will be maintained.

3. When Norway in 1978 decided to invoke Article XIX of the GATT and to introduce global quotas on various textile items it was the intention of the Norwegian Government to terminate this temporary measure as soon as possible. Efforts have been made during 1979 to reach a satisfactory solution on the basis of the provisions of the extended MFA. So far the efforts have proved unsuccessful and in order to gain time for further consultations the prolongation for six months of the global quota system has been deemed necessary.

4. The Norwegian Government hopes that the panel established by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 25 July 1979 under Article XXIII:2 of the GATT will support and encourage the efforts being made to reach bilateral solutions related to the future based on the provisions of the extended MFA.

