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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY NORWAY

Various Textile Items

Addendum

Termination of Action

The following communication, dated 28 June 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway.

I have the honour to refer to the Norwegian letter of acceptance dated 28 June 1984* on the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA) as extended by the Protocol of 22 December 1981.

Norway will consequently apply the provisions of the MFA and gradually eliminate the system of global import quotas notified under Article XIX of the GATT (GATT documents L/4692 of 24 July 1978, L/4692/Add. 1 of 27 November 1978, L/4692/Add. 3 of 5 October 1979, L/4692/Add. 4 of 28 February 1980, L/4692 Add. 5 of 21 November 1980, L/4692/Add. 9 of 18 September 1981, L/4692/Add. 10 of 2 April 1982, L/4692/Add. 12 of 5 August 1982, L/4692/Add. 13 of 13 April 1983 and L/4692/Add. 16 of 12 December 1983).

All existing quantitative restrictions will be notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body in accordance with Article 2.1. of the MFA.

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Prior to 1 July 1984, Norway has initialled bilateral agreements with Czechoslovakia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Macao, Malaysia, the Philippines, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The agreements are intended to become effective from 1 July 1984.

Norway intends to conclude bilateral agreements with a certain number of other suppliers. Negotiations have already been initiated with some of these countries.

For countries previously covered by the Art. XIX measures where bilateral agreements can not become effective from 1 July 1984, Norway intends to maintain the existing restrictions as a transitional measure, with reference to Article 2 of the MFA. The intention is to complete the programme of bilateral negotiations so that these residual restrictions may be eliminated within one year after the Norwegian acceptance of the MFA.

The residual quotas will be allotted to the importers on a half-yearly basis, based on their previous import performance with respect to the area covered by the residual restrictions. The intention will be to maintain the present trade level relating to this area during the period when the transitional measures are in force.

The categories previously notified under Art. XIX and covered by the transitional measures are the following:

- (1) knitted shirts, blouses and t-shirts
- (2) knitted undergarments
- (3) knitted jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans and pullovers
- (4) jackets of woven material including parts of suits and sets
- (5) trousers of woven material including part of suits and sets
- (6) shirts of woven material
- (7) blouses of woven material
- (8) bed linen