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NOTIFICATION BY THE UNITED STATES

The following notification, dated 3 October 1989, has been received from the delegation of the United States.

In accordance with the provisions of the waiver granted to the United States concerning actions taken under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended, the United States hereby notifies the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the President has directed, by a letter dated 25 July 1989, that the United States International Trade Commission conduct an investigation under Section 22 to determine whether the quota on cotton comber waste, provided for in sub-heading 9904.30.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, should be terminated or modified, including globalizing country quota allocations, eliminating the staple length restrictions on cotton used to make cotton comber waste, or distinguishing between bleached and unbleached cotton comber waste, or whether the quota should otherwise be adjusted to take account of circumstances that have changed since the quota was proclaimed.

The President ordered this investigation after receiving the advice of the Secretary of Agriculture that there was reason to believe that circumstances had changed sufficiently to warrant termination or modification of the quota.

Accordingly, the International Trade Commission began its investigation effective 25 July 1989. The Commission anticipates submitting its report to the President on 25 January 1990. The Commission will hold a public hearing in connection with this investigation on 28 November 1989 in Washington, D.C. The President will determine what action to take with regard to this quota following receipt of the findings and advice of the Commission.

In accordance with the provisions of its waiver, the United States stands ready to consult with any contracting party which considers that its interests would be prejudiced by termination or modification of the cotton comber waste quota.