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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between Canada and Romania

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an extension of its bilateral agreement with Romania for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications received under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1526.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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ROMANIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EXTERIOR

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The Ministry of Commerce and Tourism (Department of Foreign Trade) of Romania presents its compliments to the Embassy of Canada and has the honour to refer to the Embassy Note No. 014 of 7 March 1991 in which it is proposed that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Romania and the Government of Canada relating to the export from Romania of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada be extended for a period of one year, until 31 December 1992.

The Ministry of Commerce and Tourism (Department of Foreign Trade) has the honour to inform the Embassy of Canada that it agrees to the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding as proposed by the Canadian side.

We understand that the extension envisaged by the Canadian Authorities will apply to all terms and conditions contained in our current Memorandum of Understanding, including growth rates and flexibility provisions. The extension will be without prejudice to any changes which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round governing textile trade beyond 1991.

The Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Department of Foreign Trade) of Romania avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.

TEXT OF NOTE FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, BUCHAREST, 7 MARCH 1991

"... Canadian Authorities would like to refer to the Uruguay Round of GATT Negotiations and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Romania relating to the export from Romania of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU).

Given the decision to extend the Uruguay Round, it appears likely that negotiations will extend beyond the expiry on 31 July 1991, of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA). No deadline for these negotiations has been set, but it is likely that this extension, combined with the time necessary for implementations of the results, would take us beyond the 31 December 1991, expiry of our current MOU.

The prolongation of the Uruguay Round Negotiations, the expiry of the MFA on 31 July 1991, and the expiry of the current MOU at the end of this year will cause considerable uncertainty in the textile and clothing industries of both Canada and Romania. Order will soon be placed for 1992. Given this uncertainty in both countries and the need to maintain protection for the domestic textile industry in Canada, Canadian Authorities propose that the MOU governing our bilateral textile trade be extended for a period of one year, until 31 December 1992. The extension envisaged by Canadian Authorities would apply to all terms and conditions contained in our current MOU, including growth rates and flexibility provisions. The extension will be without prejudice to any changes which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round governing textile trade beyond 1991.

Canadian Authorities would appreciate an early response to this proposal so that they can reflect on any other measures which may be necessary to ensure protection for the Canadian industry until the results of a successful Uruguay Round are implemented ...".