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QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

Addendum

1. At its meeting of October/November 1975, the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions" agreed that delegations should endeavour to send to the secretariat summary notes with respect to the consultations in which they had participated as exporting or importing countries. The Sub-Group also agreed that the secretariat would assemble and distribute these summaries for the further work of the Sub-Group (MTN/NTM/9, paragraph 9).
2. At the meeting of the Sub-Group in March 1976 there was widespread support for the view that the consultations should be kept open, but that the process should be accelerated and that the delegations should endeavour, in advance of the next meeting, to send to the secretariat summary notes with respect to the consultations in which they had participated (MTN/NTM/14, paragraph 6).
3. The following communication has been received from the delegation of Pakistan (Annex) concerning consultations held with Austria, the European Economic Community, Finland, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.
4. Delegations which have not yet submitted summary notes are invited to do so without delay.

ANNEX

Pakistan addressed notifications concerning quantitative restrictions on imports originating from Pakistan to the following countries: United States, EEC, Japan, Switzerland, Austria, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and Finland.

Consultations were held in pursuance of these notifications with a number of these countries.

Initial offers in response to these notifications have been received from the European Economic Community, Austria, New Zealand and Finland.

The EEC, Switzerland and Sweden have taken the position that agricultural products covered in the notifications of Pakistan could only be dealt with under the Group "Agriculture" and could not be taken up under the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions".

The United States, the EEC and Sweden have also taken the position that textile products were the subject of a separate multilateral international agreement, namely the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and problems relating to textiles may be discussed in the framework of that Agreement rather than in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

No initial response has so far been received from Japan and Norway.

Pakistan is concerned that the responses to its notifications in regard to "Quantitative Restrictions" received so far are not very positive or constructive. We are particularly concerned with regard to textile products and are of the view that, as clearly affirmed in the Tokyo Declaration, Multilateral Trade Negotiations are to cover all products, without exception. The Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles is an instrument of a limited duration which could in no sense be considered a substitute for Multilateral Trade Negotiations, which are addressed to permanent improvements in the framework of world trade. Pakistan would accordingly urge that quantitative restrictions maintained by a number of developed countries in respect of textile products be taken up for negotiations under the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions".