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COMMUNICATION FROM HONG KONG

The following communication, dated 28 June 1989, has been received from the delegation of Hong Kong with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Negotiating Group.

Pursuant to the Chairman's proposal adopted by the Negotiating Group on Non-Tariff Measures on 25 February 1988, Hong Kong submits its indicative list, by category, of non-tariff measures for consideration and discussion in accordance with the agreed negotiating framework laid down by Ministers at Montreal.

The Hong Kong submission is made up of two parts: the first part is a list of non-tariff measures which Hong Kong proposes to negotiate for their reduction or elimination through the multilateral formula approach. These measures are all quantitative restrictions and are, in Hong Kong's view, most effectively tackled using a formula approach. The second part of this submission is a list of non-tariff measures which Hong Kong seeks to reduce or eliminate under the multilateral rule-making approach. The measures highlighted here are more diversified and would most probably have to be examined in detail separately before agreement could be reached on rules of general application which would result in a total or substantial reduction of their trade-distorting effect.

I. Formula Approach

<u>Maintaining Participant</u>	<u>Product Description</u>	<u>Description of Non-Tariff Measures</u>
1. Australia	Footwear, textile and clothing products	Tariff quotas (IV.I)
2. Greece	Static converters, rectifiers and rectifying apparatus	Quantitative restrictions (IV.A)
3. Greece	Colour TV sets	Quantitative restrictions (IV.A)
4. Greece	Certain toys	Quantitative restrictions (IV.A)

II. Multilateral Rule-making Approach

<u>Maintaining Participant</u>	<u>Product Description</u>	<u>Description of Non-Tariff Measures</u>
1. Canada	Textile and apparel products	Back-to-back import licensing system (IV.A)
2. Canada	Blankets, candles, chrome-plated or stainless steel cutlery, dishes and ornaments of porcelain, tiles, ceramic mosaics, kitchen utensils, certain electrical measurement devices, electronic tubes, toys and games, sports goods, hats, boots and wearing apparel	Marking and labelling requirements (IV.K)
3. United States	Woven fabrics of ramie, cotton, footwear, gaiters and the like, pearls, articles of copper, aluminium foil, bells and gongs	Import documentation requirements (II.G)
4. United States	Textile products	Customs classification (II.C)

Apart from the above four items, Hong Kong would also like to propose the following issues to be addressed under the multilateral rule-making approach:

<u>Product Description</u>	<u>Description of Non-Tariff Measures</u>
Generic	Anti-dumping procedure and calculation of duty (II.A)
Generic	Restrictive Rules of Origin (II.F)

Hong Kong reserves its rights to supplement as well as to amend or modify the contents of the list at any stage of the negotiations. The non-tariff measures covered by this submission are presented without prejudice to their legal status under the GATT, without prejudice to the measures already discussed or to be discussed in the other Negotiating Groups and without prejudice to any action taken in fulfilment of the rollback commitments.