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Textiles Monitoring Body

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AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Notification under Article 2.18

Canada

The Textiles Monitoring Body has received a notification from Canada pursuant to paragraph 18 of Article 2 and is circulating it to WTO Members for their information.

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations
Geneva

19 June 1996

Ambassador András Szepesi
Chairman
Textiles Monitoring Body
World Trade Organization
Centre William Rappard
154 rue de Lausanne

Dear Ambassador Szepesi,

Pursuant to Article 2.18 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, I have the honour to notify the improvement in access provided by Canada to restrained suppliers that represent 1.2 per cent or less of the total volume of restrictions applied by Canada as of 31 December 1991.

Thirteen WTO Members qualify for this improvement in access: Costa Rica, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Jamaica, Macau, Mauritius, Poland, the Slovak Republic, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland and Uruguay. In all cases, the improvement was provided, as stipulated in Article 2.18, through advancement by one stage of the growth rates set out in Articles 2.13 and 2.14. On the date of entry into force of the WTO, the growth rates for the restrictions in effect with these Members on 31 December 1994 were increased by 25 per cent.

In determining eligibility for this treatment, Canadian authorities included not only restrained Members whose exports accounted for less than 1.2 per cent of Canada's total restraints on 31 December 1991, but also those that accounted for less than 1.2 per cent of the restraints in effect on 31 December 1994. These restrained countries together account for over 9 per cent of Canada's total restraints on textiles and clothing.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Jean Saint-Jacques
Counsellor