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Textiles Monitoring Body

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AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Notification under Article 2.1

UNITED STATES

Supplement

The Textiles Monitoring Body has received a fifth supplement to the notification made by the United States pursuant to Article 2.1.

The TMB, in accordance with Article 2.2, is circulating this notification to WTO Members.

Permanent Mission of the United States to the WTO
Geneva

12 December 2002

The Honourable András Szepesi
Chairman
Textiles Monitoring Body
World Trade Organization
Rue de Lausanne 154
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I refer to your letter of 15 November 2002 concerning the application of growth-on-growth provisions for China. The United States has carefully examined the TMB's report analyzing the application of the growth-on-growth provisions of the ATC and concluded that the methodology used by the United States as reported in G/TMB/N/63/Add.12/Suppl.1 is in line with the obligations of the United States as provided for in the Working Party Report of the Accession of China to the WTO. The US reasoning on this matter, as expressed in G/TMB/N/63/Add.12/Suppl. 1 and 3, remains unchanged. In light of this conclusion, the US is of the view that it would not be appropriate to make any adjustment to the methodology applied.

Sincerely,

(signed for)
David M. Spooner
Special Textile Negotiator
