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Textiles Monitoring Body

FIFTH MEETING OF THE TMB

Note by the Chairman

1. The Textiles Monitoring Body held its fifth meeting on 25-28 September 1995.
 2. The TMB authorized its Chairman to provide WTO Members with the following information, including the TMB's recommendations, findings and observations.
 3. The TMB received a notification from the United States under paragraph 10 of Article 6 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing of the safeguard action it had taken on imports of products of US category 440 (woven wool shirts and blouses) from Hong Kong.
 4. The TMB invited the participation of Hong Kong and the United States, which sent delegations to Geneva to present their respective cases. After having heard the presentation by both parties, the TMB reached the following conclusions:
 - 4.1 In reviewing this notification, and having considered the arguments put forward by the parties, the TMB noted that Hong Kong exports of products of category 440 into the US were already under restraint under a Group limit notified by the US in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Agreement¹.
 - 4.2 The TMB found that, according to paragraph 4 of Article 6, the application of a safeguard measure under this Article to Hong Kong exports of products of category 440 into the US was therefore not justified, and recommended that the US rescind the measure.
 5. The TMB was informed and took note that the United States had decided to rescind the safeguard actions it had taken on imports of products of US categories 603 (artificial staple yarn) and 670-L (man-made fibre luggage) from Thailand, and of US categories 444 (women's and girl's wool skirts) and 670-L (man-made fibre luggage) from the Philippines.
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6. The full report of this meeting will be circulated at a later stage, after its formal adoption by the TMB.

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