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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 21 December 1999

on the provisional application of Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and certain third States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) on trade in textile products

(1999/867/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 in conjunction with Article 300(2), first sentence thereof,

The Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters attached to this Decision shall be applied on a provisional basis from 1 January 2000, pending their formal conclusion, subject to reciprocal provisional application by the partner countries ⁽¹⁾.

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

The texts of the Agreements are attached to this Decision.

Whereas:

Article 2

(1) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the Community Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters to revise and extend the existing bilateral agreement and protocols on trade in textile products with certain third States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan);

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall enter into force the day after its publication in the Official Journal.

(2) These Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters should be applied on a provisional basis from 1 January 2000 subject to the reciprocal provisional application by the abovementioned States,

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

T. HALONEN

⁽¹⁾ The date from which provisional application will become effective will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, C series.

AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

between the European Community and the Republic of Armenia amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Armenia on trade in textile products initialled at Brussels on 20 July 1993, as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 16 January 1996

A. Letter from the Council of the European Union

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Armenia on trade in textile products initialled on 20 July 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 18 January 1996 (hereafter referred to as the 'Agreement').
2. In view of the expiry of the Agreement on 31 December 1999 and in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Agreement, the European Community proposes to extend the duration of the Agreement, for a further period of at least three years, subject to the following amendments and conditions:
 - 2.1. Annex I which sets out the products referred to in Article 1 of the Agreement is replaced by Appendix 1 to this letter.
 - 2.2. The text of Article 19(1), second and third sentences, of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

'It shall be applicable until 31 December 2002. Thereafter, the application of all of the provisions of this Agreement shall be extended automatically for a period of one more year up to 31 December 2003, unless either Party notifies the other at least six months before 31 December 2002 that it does not agree with this extension.'
 - 2.3. Textile categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are exempted from the double-checking system referred to in Article 2(3) of the Agreement and specified in Protocol A. If, in a given year, the levels of imports of products of these textile categories exceed the rates specified in Article 5(2) of the Agreement, the double-checking system will be automatically reintroduced for these categories.
3. Should the Republic of Armenia become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, the provisions of Articles 2(2) to (6), 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 to 18, Protocol A, Protocol B, Protocol C, Agreed Minutes No 1, Agreed Minutes No 2, Agreed Minutes No 3 and Agreed Minutes No 4 shall continue to be applicable as administrative arrangements within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.
4. I should be obliged if you could kindly confirm your Government's acceptance of the foregoing. Should this be the case, this letter together with its appendix and your letter of acceptance will constitute an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters which shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the day on which the Parties have notified each other that the legal procedures necessary to this end have been completed. In the meantime, it shall be applied provisionally from 1 January 2000 on conditions of reciprocity.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Council
of the European Union*

Appendix 1

Annex I to the Agreement between the European Community and Armenia on trade in textile products initialled on 20 July 1993, containing the category and goods descriptions for textile products, is replaced by Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 ⁽¹⁾. It is understood that, without prejudice to the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording of the description of goods is considered to be of indicative value only, since the products covered by each category are determined, within that Annex by CN codes. Where there is an 'ex' symbol in front of a CN code, the products covered in each category are determined by the scope of the CN code and by that of the corresponding description.

⁽¹⁾ In 1999 this Annex was amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1072/1999 (OJ L 134, 28.5.1999, p. 1).

*Appendix 2***Exchange of Notes**

The Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union presents its compliments to the Mission of the Republic of Armenia and has the honour to refer to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Armenia on Trade in Textile Products initialled on 20 July 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on . . . 1999.

The Directorate-General for Trade wishes to inform the Mission of the Republic of Armenia that, whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the European Community is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to apply *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Directorate-General for Trade would be grateful if the Mission of the Republic of Armenia would confirm its agreement to the foregoing.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia the assurance of its highest consideration.

B. Letter from the Government of the Republic of Armenia

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

'Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Armenia on trade in textile products initialled on 20 July 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 18 January 1996 (hereafter referred to as the "Agreement").
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 - 2.2. The text of Article 19(1), second and third sentences, of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"It shall be applicable until 31 December 2002. Thereafter, the application of all of the provisions of this Agreement shall be extended automatically for a period of one more year up to 31 December 2003, unless either Party notifies the other at least six months before 31 December 2002 that it does not agree with this extension."
 - 2.3. Textile categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are exempted from the double-checking system referred to in Article 2(3) of the Agreement and specified in Protocol A. If, in a given year, the levels of imports of products of these textile categories exceed the rates specified in Article 5(2) of the Agreement, the double-checking system will be automatically reintroduced for these categories.
3. Should the Republic of Armenia become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, the provisions of Articles 2(2) to (6), 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 to 18, Protocol A, Protocol B, Protocol C, Agreed Minutes No 1, Agreed Minutes No 2, Agreed Minutes No 3 and Agreed Minutes No 4 shall continue to be applicable as administrative arrangements within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.
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Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.'

I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with the content of your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Government
of the Republic of Armenia*

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The Mission of the Republic of Armenia wishes to confirm to the Directorate-General for Trade that, whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the Government of the Republic of Armenia is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to be applied *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Mission of the Republic of Armenia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union the assurance of its highest consideration.

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between the European Community and the Republic of Azerbaijan amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Azerbaijan on trade in textile products initialled at Brussels on 20 September 1993, as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 18 December 1995

A. Letter from the Council of the European Union

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Azerbaijan on trade in textile products initialled on 20 September 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 18 December 1995 (hereafter referred to as the 'Agreement').
2. In view of the expiry of the Agreement on 31 December 1999 and in accordance with Article 20(4) of the Agreement, the European Community proposes to extend the duration of the Agreement, for a further period of at least three years, subject to the following amendments and conditions:
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'It shall be applicable until 31 December 2002. Thereafter, the application of all of the provisions of this Agreement shall be extended automatically for a period of one more year up to 31 December 2003, unless either Party notifies the other at least six months before 31 December 2002 that it does not agree with this extension.'
 - 2.3. Textile categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 20 and 136 are exempted from the double-checking system referred to in Article 2(3) of the Agreement and specified in Protocol A. If, in a given year, the levels of imports of products of these textile categories exceed the rates specified in Article 5(2) of the Agreement, the double-checking system will be automatically reintroduced for these categories.
3. Should the Republic of Azerbaijan become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, the provisions of Articles 2(2) to (6), 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 to 19, Protocol A, Protocol B, Protocol C, Agreed Minutes No 1, Agreed Minutes No 2, Agreed Minutes No 3 and Agreed Minutes No 4 shall continue to be applicable as administrative arrangements within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.
4. I should be obliged if you could kindly confirm your Government's acceptance of the foregoing. Should this be the case, this letter together with its appendix and your letter of acceptance will constitute an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters which shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the day on which the Parties have notified each other that the legal procedures necessary to this end have been completed. In the meantime, it shall be applied provisionally from 1 January 2000 on conditions of reciprocity.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Council
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The Directorate-General for Trade wishes to inform the Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan that, whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the European Community is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to apply *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Directorate-General for Trade would be grateful if the Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan would confirm its agreement to the foregoing.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan the assurance of its highest consideration.

B. Letter from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

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3. Should the Republic of Azerbaijan become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, the provisions of Articles 2(2) to (6), 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 to 19, Protocol A, Protocol B, Protocol C, Agreed Minutes No 1, Agreed Minutes No 2, Agreed Minutes No 3 and Agreed Minutes No 4 shall continue to be applicable as administrative arrangements within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.
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I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with the content of your letter.

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The Directorate-General for Trade wishes to inform the Mission of the Georgia that, whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the European Community is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to apply *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Directorate-General for Trade would be grateful if the Mission of Georgia would confirm its agreement to the foregoing.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia the assurance of its highest consideration.

B. Letter from the Government of Georgia

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

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Sir,

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2. In view of the expiry of the Agreement on 31 December 1999 and in accordance with Article 20(4) of the Agreement, the European Community proposes to extend the duration of the Agreement, for a further period of at least three years, subject to the following amendments and conditions:
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3. Should the Republic of Kazakhstan become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, the provisions of Articles 2(2) to (5), 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 to 19, Protocol A, Protocol B, Protocol C, Agreed Minutes No 1, Agreed Minutes No 2, Agreed Minutes No 3 and Agreed Minutes No 4 shall continue to be applicable as administrative arrangements within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.
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Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Council
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The Directorate-General for Trade wishes to inform the Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan that, whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the European Community is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to apply *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Directorate-General for Trade would be grateful if the Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan would confirm its agreement to the foregoing.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan the assurance of its highest consideration.

B. Letter from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

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I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with the content of your letter.

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The Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union the assurance of its highest consideration.

AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

between the European Community and the Republic of Moldova amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Moldova on trade in textile products initialled at Brussels on 14 May 1993, as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 15 December 1995

A. Letter from the Council of the European Union

Sir,

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3. Should the Republic of Moldova become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, the provisions of Articles 2(2) to (6), 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 to 19, Protocol A, Protocol B, Protocol C, Agreed Minutes No 1, Agreed Minutes No 2, Agreed Minutes No 3 and Agreed Minutes No 4 shall continue to be applicable as administrative arrangements within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.
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*For the Council
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The Directorate-General for Trade wishes to inform the Mission of the Republic of Moldova that, whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the European Community is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to apply *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Directorate-General for Trade would be grateful if the Mission of the Republic of Moldova would confirm its agreement to the foregoing.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova the assurance of its highest consideration.

B. Letter from the Government of the Republic of Moldova

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

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3. Should the Republic of Moldova become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, the provisions of Articles 2(2) to (6), 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 to 19, Protocol A, Protocol B, Protocol C, Agreed Minutes No 1, Agreed Minutes No 2, Agreed Minutes No 3 and Agreed Minutes No 4 shall continue to be applicable as administrative arrangements within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.
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I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with the content of your letter.

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*For the Government
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The Mission of the Republic of Moldova wishes to confirm to the Directorate-General for Trade that, whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the Government of the Republic of Moldova is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to be applied *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Mission of the Republic of Moldova avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union the assurance of its highest consideration.

AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

between the European Community and the Republic of Tajikistan amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tajikistan on trade in textile products initialled at Brussels on 16 July 1993, as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 22 November 1995

A. Letter from the Council of the European Union

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tajikistan on trade in textile products initialled on 16 July 1993 (hereafter referred to as the 'Agreement').
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union the assurance of its highest consideration.

AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

between the European Community and Turkmenistan amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Turkmenistan on trade in textile products initialled at Brussels on 18 October 1993, as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 25 January 1996

A. Letter from the Council of the European Union

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Turkmenistan on trade in textile products initialled on 18 October 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 25 January 1996 (hereafter referred to as the 'Agreement').
2. In view of the expiry of the Agreement on 31 December 1999 and in accordance with Article 20(4) of the Agreement, the European Community proposes to extend the duration of the Agreement, for a further period of at least three years, subject to the following amendments and conditions:
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The Directorate-General for Trade would be grateful if the Mission of Turkmenistan would confirm its agreement to the foregoing.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan the assurance of its highest consideration.

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 - 2.2. The text of Article 20(1), second and third sentences, of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"It shall be applicable until 31 December 2002. Thereafter, the application of all of the provisions of this Agreement shall be extended automatically for a period of one more year up to 31 December 2003, unless either Party notifies the other at least six months before 31 December 2002 that it does not agree with this extension."
 - 2.3. Textile categories 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are exempted from the double-checking system referred to in Article 2(3) of the Agreement and specified in Protocol A. If, in a given year, the levels of imports of products of these textile categories exceed the rates specified in Article 5(2) of the Agreement, the double-checking system will be automatically reintroduced for these categories.
3. Should Turkmenistan become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, the provisions of Articles 2(2) to (6), 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 to 19, Protocol A, Protocol B, Protocol C, Agreed Minutes No 1, Agreed Minutes No 2, Agreed Minutes No 3 and Agreed Minutes No 4 shall continue to be applicable as administrative arrangements within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.
4. I should be obliged if you could kindly confirm your Government's acceptance of the foregoing. Should this be the case, this letter together with its appendix and your letter of acceptance will constitute an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters which shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the day on which the Parties have notified each other that the legal procedures necessary to this end have been completed. In the meantime, it shall be applied provisionally from 1 January 2000 on conditions of reciprocity.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.'

I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with the content of your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Government
of Turkmenistan*

Appendix 1

Annex I to the Agreement between the European Community and Turkmenistan on trade in textile products initialled on 18 October 1993, containing the category and goods descriptions for textile products, is replaced by Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 ⁽¹⁾. It is understood that without prejudice to the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording of the description of goods is considered to be of indicative value only, since the products covered by each category are determined, within that Annex by CN codes. Where there is an 'ex' symbol in front of a CN code, the products covered in each category are determined by the scope of the CN code and by that of the corresponding description.

⁽¹⁾ In 1999 this Annex was amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1072/1999 (OJ L 134, 28.5.1999, p. 1).

*Appendix 2***Exchange of Notes**

The Mission of Turkmenistan presents its compliments to the Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union and has the honour to refer to the Note of the Directorate-General (date of *Note Verbale*) regarding the Agreement on trade in textile products initialled on 18 October 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on . . . 1999.

The Mission of Turkmenistan wishes to confirm to the Directorate-General for Trade that, whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the Government of Turkmenistan is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to be applied *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Mission of Turkmenistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Union the assurance of its highest consideration.

AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

between the European Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan on Trade in Textile Products initialled on 8 June 1993, as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 4 December 1995

A. Letter from the Council of the European Union

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the negotiations held on 14 and 15 September 1999 between our respective Delegations with a view to renew the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan on trade in textile products initialled on 8 June 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 4 December 1995.

2. As a result of these negotiations, both Parties agreed to amend the following provisions of the Agreement:

2.1. The second and third sentence of Article 20(1), are replaced by the following text:

'It shall be applicable until 31 December 2004.'

2.2. Annex I which sets out the products referred to in Article 1 of the Agreement is replaced by Appendix 1 to this letter.

2.3. Annex II which sets out the quantitative restrictions for exports from the Republic of Uzbekistan to the European Community is replaced by Appendix 2 to this letter.

2.4. Annex III which sets out the products without quantitative limits subject to the double-checking system referred to in Article 2(3) of the Agreement is replaced by Appendix 3 to this letter.

2.5. Article 5(2) is replaced by the following text:

'2. Where the Community finds, under the system of administrative control set-up, that the level of imports of products in a given category not listed in Annex II originating in Uzbekistan exceeds, in relation to the preceding year's total imports into the Community from all sources of products in that category, the following rates:

— 0,35 % for categories of products in Group I, except category 1,

— for category 1 the levels referred to in paragraph 5.2 bis,

— 1,2 % for categories of products in Group II,

— 4 % for categories of products in Groups III, IV and V,

it may request the opening of consultations in accordance with the procedure described in Article 15 of this Agreement, with a view to reaching agreement on an appropriate restraint level for the products in such category.'

2.6. A new Article 5.2 bis is inserted after Article 5(2):

'2 bis (a) Uzbekistan will monitor the levels, as well as average prices, of exports into the EC of products of category 1, with a view to keeping them within the following targets as a share of total EC imports in such category:

In the year 2000: 6 %, in 2001: 7,2 %, in 2002: 8,4 %, in 2003: 9,6 % and in 2004: 10,8 %.

- (b) The EC and Uzbekistan will consult whenever it appears that the targets are exceeded or are likely to be exceeded, as well as when average prices of exports from Uzbekistan are significantly below average prices of total imports of category 1 into the EC.
 - (c) The provisions on price monitoring as under Paragraph 2 bis (a) will be applicable to imports of category 2 from Uzbekistan as from 1 January 2004.
- 2.7. For the purpose of facilitating the exchange of information on licenses for textile products under quota or under surveillance, an electronic link between the competent authorities of Uzbekistan and the SIGL system (système intégré de gestion de licences) will be established.
3. Should the Republic of Uzbekistan become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, this Agreement and its annexes will be applied and notified to the World Trade Organisation as an Administrative Arrangement, and its provisions will be applied within the framework of the Agreements and rules of the World Trade Organisation.
4. The Agreed Minutes set out in Appendix 4 to this letter shall form an integral part of the Agreement.
5. I should be obliged if you could kindly confirm the acceptance of your Government of the foregoing. Should this be the case, this Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the day on which the Parties have notified each other that the legal procedures necessary to this end have been completed. In the meantime, it shall be applied provisionally from 1 January 2000 on the condition of reciprocity to be specified in an Exchange of Notes (Appendix 5).

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Council
of the European Union*

Appendix 1

Annex I to the Agreement between the European Community and Uzbekistan on trade in textile products initialled on 8 June 1993 is replaced by Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 ⁽¹⁾. It is understood that without prejudice to the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording of the description of goods is considered to be of indicative value only, since the products covered by each category are determined, within that Annex by CN codes. Where there is an 'ex' symbol in front of a CN code, the products covered in each category are determined by the scope of the CN code and by that of the corresponding description.

⁽¹⁾ In 1999 this Annex was amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1072/1999 (OJ L 134, 28.5.1999, p. 1).

Appendix 2

ANNEX II

(The full product descriptions of the categories listed in this Annex are to be found in Annex I to the Agreement)

COMMUNITY QUANTITATIVE LIMITS

(1 000 tonnes)						
Categories	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
2	tonnes	8,9	11,5	13,5	16,5	free
of which 2a	tonnes	0,89	1,15	1,35	1,65	free

Appendix 3

ANNEX III

(Products without quantitative limits subject to the double-checking system referred to in Article 2(3) of the Agreement)

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 26.

*Appendix 4***Agreed Minutes**

In the context of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan on trade in textile and clothing products, initialled in Brussels on 15 September 1999, the Republic of Uzbekistan confirmed that the tariff rates presently applied for textile and clothing products originating from the European Community are the rates contained in Annex 1 to this Agreed Minutes. Both Parties agreed that these tariff rates shall not be exceeded for the duration of the Agreement.

Concerning customs duties applicable to imports into the Republic of Uzbekistan of products covered by the Harmonised System codes 57, 58 and 63, the Community's proposal for their progressive alignment within the period of duration of the Agreement towards the customs duties applicable to imports of the same products into the Community was accepted by the Republic of Uzbekistan. The Republic of Uzbekistan agreed to reduce the rates according to the schedule contained in Annex 2 to this Agreed Minutes.

In the case of disagreement on the application of the provisions of the two foregoing paragraphs, the Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan will immediately start consultations in accordance with Article 15 of the Agreement with the aim to ensure the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the parties. Should the disagreement persist after these consultations, the Community will have the right to reintroduce for the period of the agreement remaining unexpired on a *pro rata* basis the levels for quantitative restrictions for categories 2 and 2a applicable in 1999 as specified in the Exchange of Letters initialled on 4 December 1995. For category 1 the Community may reintroduce the basket exit limit of 0,35 %.

Both parties also agreed that the Republic of Uzbekistan will ensure that the supply to the Community industry of cotton and other raw textile materials, as well as of other textile products shall be made at conditions not less favourable than to users of other developed countries under normal market conditions.

Brussels, ... 1999.

*For the Government
of the Republic of Uzbekistan*

*For the Council
of the European Union*

ANNEX 1

*to Agreed Minutes***Maximum rates of customs duties applicable to textile products imported into the Republic of Uzbekistan from the European Community**

Chapter	HS codes	Rates
50	5001	0 %
50	5002	0 %
50	5003	0 %
50	5004	0 %
50	5005	0 %
50	5006	0 %
50	5007	0 %
51	5101	0 %
51	5102	0 %
51	5103	0 %
51	5104	0 %
51	5105	0 %
51	5106	0 %
51	5107	0 %
51	5108	0 %
51	5109	0 %
51	5110	0 %
51	5111	0 %
51	5112	0 %
51	5113	0 %
52	5201	0 %
52	5202	0 %
52	5203	0 %
52	5204	0 %
52	5205	0 %
52	5206	0 %
52	5207	0 %
52	5208	0 %
52	5209	0 %
52	5210	0 %
52	5211	0 %
52	5212	0 %
53	5301	0 %
53	5302	0 %
53	5303	0 %
53	5204	0 %
53	5205	0 %
53	5206	0 %
53	5207	0 %
53	5208	0 %
53	5209	0 %
53	5210	0 %
53	5211	0 %

Chapter	HS codes	Rates
54	5401	0 %
54	5402	0 %
54	5403	0 %
54	5404	0 %
54	5405	0 %
54	5406	0 %
54	5407	10 %
54	5408	10 %
55	5501	0 %
55	5502	0 %
55	5503	0 %
55	5504	0 %
55	5505	0 %
55	5506	0 %
55	5507	0 %
55	5508	0 %
55	5509	0 %
55	5510	0 %
55	5511	0 %
55	5512	0 %
55	5513	10 %
55	5514	10 %
55	5515	10 %
55	5516	10 %
56	5601	0 %
56	5602	0 %
56	5603	0 %
56	5604	0 %
56	5605	0 %
56	5606	0 %
56	5607	0 %
56	5608	0 %
56	5609	0 %
57	5701	(¹)
57	5702	(¹)
57	5703	(¹)
57	5704	(¹)
57	5705	(¹)
58	5801	15 % (²)
58	5802	0 %
58	5803	0 %
58	5804	0 %
58	5805	0 %

Chapter	HS codes	Rates
58	5806	0 %
58	5807	0 %
58	5808	0 %
58	5809	0 %
58	5810	0 %
58	5811	0 %
59	5901	0 %
59	5902	0 %
59	5903	0 %
59	5904	0 %
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59	5908	0 %
59	5909	0 %
59	5910	0 %
59	5911	0 %
60	6001	0 %
60	6002	0 %
61	6101	5 %
61	6102	5 %
61	6103	5 %
61	6104	5 %
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61	6110	5 %
61	6111	0 %
61	6112	5 %
61	6113	5 %
61	6114	5 %
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61	6116	5 %
61	6117	5 %

Chapter	HS codes	Rates
62	6201	0 %
62	6202	0 %
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62	6206	0 %
62	6207	0 %
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62	6213	0 %
62	6214	0 %
62	6215	0 %
62	6216	0 %
62	6217	0 %
63	6301	0 %
63	6301 20	10 %
63	6302	20 % ⁽³⁾
63	6303	0 %
63	6304	0 %
63	6305	0 %
63	6306	0 %
63	6307	0 %
63	6308	0 %
63	6309	5 %
63	6310	0 %

⁽¹⁾ Rates in 1999: for carpets – 50 %, for other textile floor coverings – 10 %. Rates for carpets will be reduced starting in the year 2000 in accordance with the schedule specified in Annex 2 to the Agreed Minutes.

⁽²⁾ Rates for products of HS 5801 will be reduced starting in the year 2000 in accordance with the schedule specified in Annex 2 to the Agreed Minutes.

⁽³⁾ Rates for products of HS 6302 will be reduced starting in the year 2000 in accordance with the schedule specified in Annex 2 to the Agreed Minutes.

ANNEX 2

*to Agreed Minutes***Schedule for alignment of Uzbekistan's tariff rates for products of chapters 57, 58 and 63 of the HS code**

Reduction of tariffs of products of chapter HS 57

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
percentage	50 %	30 %	30 %	30 %	30 %	30 %

Reduction of tariffs of products of HS 5801

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
percentage	15 %	12 %	10 %	8 %	8 %	8 %

Reduction of tariffs of products of HS 6302

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
percentage	20 %	20 %	18 %	17 %	15 %	15 %

*Appendix 5***Exchange of Notes**

The Trade Directorate-General of the European Commission presents its compliments to the Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the European Union and has the honour to refer to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan on Trade in Textile Products initialled on 8 June 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on . . .

The Directorate-General for Trade wishes to inform the Mission of Uzbekistan that whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the European Community is prepared to allow the provision of the Agreement to apply *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Directorate-General would be grateful if the Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan would confirm its authorities' agreement with the foregoing.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan the assurance of its highest consideration.

B. Letter from the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

'Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the negotiations held on 14 and 15 September 1999 between our respective Delegations with a view to renew the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan on trade in textile products initialled on 8 June 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 4 December 1995.

2. As a result of these negotiations, both Parties agreed to amend the following provisions of the Agreement:

2.1. The second and third sentence of Article 20(1), are replaced by the following text:

"It shall be applicable until 31 December 2004."

2.2. Annex I which sets out the products referred to in Article 1 of the Agreement is replaced by Appendix 1 to this letter.

2.3. Annex II which sets out the quantitative restrictions for exports from the Republic of Uzbekistan to the European Community is replaced by Appendix 2 to this letter.

2.4. Annex III which sets out the products without quantitative limits subject to the double-checking system referred to in Article 2(3) of the Agreement is replaced by Appendix 3 to this letter.

2.5. Article 5(2) is replaced by the following text:

"2. Where the Community finds, under the system of administrative control set-up, that the level of imports of products in a given category not listed in Annex II originating in Uzbekistan exceeds, in relation to the preceding year's total imports into the Community from all sources of products in that category, the following rates:

— 0,35 % for categories of products in Group I, except category 1,

— for category 1 the levels referred to in paragraph 5.2 bis,

— 1,2 % for categories of products in Group II,

— 4 % for categories of products in Groups III, IV and V,

it may request the opening of consultations in accordance with the procedure described in Article 15 of this Agreement, with a view to reaching agreement on an appropriate restraint level for the products in such category."

2.6. A new Article 5.2 bis is inserted after Article 5(2):

"2 bis (d) Uzbekistan will monitor the levels, as well as average prices, of exports into the EC of products of category 1, with a view to keeping them within the following targets as a share of total EC imports in such category:

In the year 2000: 6 %, in 2001: 7,2 %, in 2002: 8,4 %, in 2003: 9,6 % and in 2004: 10,8 %.

- (e) The EC and Uzbekistan will consult whenever it appears that the targets are exceeded or are likely to be exceeded, as well as when average prices of exports from Uzbekistan are significantly below average prices of total imports of category 1 into the EC.
 - (f) The provisions on price monitoring as under Paragraph 2 bis (a) will be applicable to imports of category 2 from Uzbekistan as from 1 January 2004.”
- 2.7. For the purpose of facilitating the exchange of information on licenses for textile products under quota or under surveillance, an electronic link between the competent authorities of Uzbekistan and the SIGL system (système intégré de gestion de licences) will be established.
3. Should the Republic of Uzbekistan become a member of the World Trade Organisation before the date of expiry of the Agreement, this Agreement and its annexes will be applied and notified to the World Trade Organisation as an Administrative Arrangement, and its provisions will be applied within the framework of the Agreements and rules of the World Trade Organisation.
4. The Agreed Minutes set out in Appendix 4 to this letter shall form an integral part of the Agreement.
5. I should be obliged if you could kindly confirm the acceptance of your Government of the foregoing. Should this be the case, this Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the day on which the Parties have notified each other that the legal procedures necessary to this end have been completed. In the meantime, it shall be applied provisionally from 1 January 2000 on the condition of reciprocity to be specified in an Exchange of Notes (Appendix 5).

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.’

I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with the content of your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Government
of the Republic of Uzbekistan*

Appendix 1

Annex I to the Agreement between the European Community and Uzbekistan on trade in textile products initialled on 8 June 1993 is replaced by Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 ⁽¹⁾. It is understood that without prejudice to the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording of the description of goods is considered to be of indicative value only, since the products covered by each category are determined, within that Annex by CN codes. Where there is an 'ex' symbol in front of a CN code, the products covered in each category are determined by the scope of the CN code and by that of the corresponding description.

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Appendix 2

ANNEX II

(The full product descriptions of the categories listed in this Annex are to be found in Annex I to the Agreement)

COMMUNITY QUANTITATIVE LIMITS

(1 000 tonnes)						
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of which 2a	tonnes	0,89	1,15	1,35	1,65	free

Appendix 3

ANNEX III

(Products without quantitative limits subject to the double-checking system referred to in Article 2(3) of the Agreement)

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 26.

*Appendix 4***Agreed Minutes**

In the context of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan on trade in textile and clothing products, initialled in Brussels on 15 September 1999, the Republic of Uzbekistan confirmed that the tariff rates presently applied for textile and clothing products originating from the European Community are the rates contained in Annex 1 to this Agreed Minutes. Both Parties agreed that these tariff rates shall not be exceeded for the duration of the Agreement.

Concerning customs duties applicable to imports into the Republic of Uzbekistan of products covered by the Harmonised System codes 57, 58 and 63, the Community's proposal for their progressive alignment within the period of duration of the Agreement towards the customs duties applicable to imports of the same products into the Community was accepted by the Republic of Uzbekistan. The Republic of Uzbekistan agreed to reduce the rates according to the schedule contained in Annex 2 to this Agreed Minutes.

In the case of disagreement on the application of the provisions of the two foregoing paragraphs, the Community and the Republic of Uzbekistan will immediately start consultations in accordance with Article 15 of the Agreement with the aim to ensure the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the parties. Should the disagreement persist after these consultations, the Community will have the right to reintroduce for the period of the agreement remaining unexpired on a *pro rata* basis the levels for quantitative restrictions for categories 2 and 2a applicable in 1999 as specified in the Exchange of Letters initialled on 4 December 1995. For category 1 the Community may reintroduce the basket exit limit of 0,35 %.

Both parties also agreed that the Republic of Uzbekistan will ensure that the supply to the Community industry of cotton and other raw textile materials, as well as of other textile products shall be made at conditions not less favourable than to users of other developed countries under normal market conditions.

Brussels, ... 1999.

*For the Government
of the Republic of Uzbekistan*

*For the Council
of the European Union*

ANNEX 1

*to Agreed Minutes***Maximum rates of customs duties applicable to textile products imported into the Republic of Uzbekistan from the European Community**

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56	5608	0 %
56	5609	0 %
57	5701	(¹)
57	5702	(¹)
57	5703	(¹)
57	5704	(¹)
57	5705	(¹)
58	5801	15 % (²)
58	5802	0 %
58	5803	0 %
58	5804	0 %
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Chapter	HS codes	Rates
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58	5807	0 %
58	5808	0 %
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58	5811	0 %
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Chapter	HS codes	Rates
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62	6203	0 %
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62	6209	0 %
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62	6212	0 %
62	6213	0 %
62	6214	0 %
62	6215	0 %
62	6216	0 %
62	6217	0 %
63	6301	0 %
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63	6302	20 % ⁽³⁾
63	6303	0 %
63	6304	0 %
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63	6307	0 %
63	6308	0 %
63	6309	5 %
63	6310	0 %

⁽¹⁾ Rates in 1999: for carpets – 50 %, for other textile floor coverings – 10 %. Rates for carpets will be reduced starting in the year 2000 in accordance with the schedule specified in Annex 2 to the Agreed Minutes.

⁽²⁾ Rates for products of HS 5801 will be reduced starting in the year 2000 in accordance with the schedule specified in Annex 2 to the Agreed Minutes.

⁽³⁾ Rates for products of HS 6302 will be reduced starting in the year 2000 in accordance with the schedule specified in Annex 2 to the Agreed Minutes.

ANNEX 2

*to Agreed Minutes***Schedule for alignment of Uzbekistan's tariff rates for products of chapters 57, 58 and 63 of the HS code**

Reduction of tariffs of products of chapter HS 57

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
percentage	50 %	30 %	30 %	30 %	30 %	30 %

Reduction of tariffs of products of HS 5801

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
percentage	15 %	12 %	10 %	8 %	8 %	8 %

Reduction of tariffs of products of HS 6302

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
percentage	20 %	20 %	18 %	17 %	15 %	15 %

*Appendix 5***Exchange of Notes**

The Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the European Union presents its compliments to the Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission and has the honour to refer to the Note of the Directorate-General (date of *Note Verbale*) regarding the Agreement on trade in textile products initialled on 8 June 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on . . .

The Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan wishes to confirm to the Directorate-General that whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and coming into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to be applied *de facto* from 1 January 2000. This is on the understanding that either Party may at any time terminate this *de facto* application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provided that four months notice is given.

The Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission the assurance of its highest consideration.
