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Portuguese Minister to Counselor, U.S. Embassy

Lisbon, March 12, 1964

Dear Mr. Blue,

I have the honor to refer to the recent discussions held in Lisbon and Geneva by representatives of the Government of Portugal and the Government of the United States of America concerning trade in cotton textiles between Portugal and the United States; and to confirm, on behalf of the Government of Portugal, the understandings reached by the two Governments that, pursuant to the provision of Article Four of the Long-Term Arrangement regarding international trade in cotton textiles done in Geneva on February 9, 1962,² the bilateral arrangement attached hereto will be applied between the two Governments for the period of the three years beginning January 1, 1964, subject to the provisions thereof.

I have further the honor to request you to be good enough to confirm the foregoing understandings on behalf of the Government of the United States.

Accept, *Sir*, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

Carlos FERNANDES

Mr. William L. Blue
Counselor of the United States Embassy
Lisbon

ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL CONCERNING TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND PORTUGAL

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 of the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles done at Geneva on February 9, 1962 (hereinafter called the Long-Term Arrangement), permitting "mutually acceptable

¹ Came into force on 12 March 1964 by the exchange of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 471, p. 296. As registered by the Executive Secretary of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Arrangements are identified in the United Nations *Treaty Series* by the date of their entry into force, i.e., 1 October 1962.

arrangements on other terms not inconsistent with the basic objectives of this Arrangement", the following Arrangement shall be applied by the two Governments for the period of three years beginning January 1, 1964, subject to the provisions herein.

1. The purpose of this Arrangement is to provide for orderly development of trade in cotton textiles between the United States and Portugal. To achieve this purpose :

- a) The United States Government shall cooperate with the Portuguese Government in promoting orderly development of trade in cotton textiles between Portugal and the United States, and
- b) The Portuguese Government shall maintain, for the period of three years beginning January 1, 1964, an annual aggregate limit for exports of cotton textiles to the United States, and annual limits for major groups subject to the provisions of this Arrangement.

2. The annual aggregate limit for 1964 shall be 90,000,000 square yards equivalent. The above quantity shall be subdivided into three major groups as follows :

I. Cotton yarn (Categories 1 – 4) ¹	58,200,000 syd equiv.
II. Fabrics and made up goods (Categories 5 – 38 and 64) ¹	23,700,000 syd equiv.
III. Apparel (Categories 39 – 63) ¹	8,100,000 syd equiv.
TOTAL	90,000,000 syd equiv.

¹ These categories are defined in the Annex hereto.

3. Within the group ceilings established by paragraph 2, the following specific ceilings shall apply :

GROUP I

Category No. 1	9,550,000 lbs.
Category No. 2	750,000 lbs.
Category No. 3	2,200,000 lbs.
Category No. 4	150,000 lbs.

GROUP II

Category No. 5 and 6	7,500,000 syds ¹
Category No. 9	6,500,000 syds
Category No. 19	800,000 syds
Category No. 24 and 25	4,400,000 syds ²
Category No. 26	2,000,000 syds
Category No. 28	300,000 pcs
Category No. 64	100,000 lbs ³

¹ Within this ceiling, annual exports in category 6 shall not exceed 4,200,000 syds.

² Within this ceiling, annual exports in category 25 shall not exceed 1,600,000 syds.

³ This ceiling shall apply only to quilt covers, not ornamented (TSUSA 363.6025).

GROUP III

Category No. 41, 42, 43	70,000 dz
Category No. 45	20,000 dz
Category No. 46	30,000 dz
Category No. 47	30,000 dz
Category No. 50	20,000 dz
Category No. 51	20,000 dz
Category No. 52	30,000 dz
Category No. 53	30,000 dz ¹
Category No. 55	20,000 dz
Category No. 60	15,000 dz
Category No. 62	50,000 lbs ²

Two or three piece ladies' suits made from woven or knit fabrics 300,000 lbs ³

¹ Made of woven or knitted fabrics.

² This ceiling shall apply only to sweatshirts. (TSUSA numbers 380.0309 ; 380.0645 ; 382.0312 ; 382.0665).

³ TSUSA numbers 382.0318 ; 382.0377 ; 382.0695 ; 382.3390.

4. A provision for "flexibility" is provided as follows :

- a) Within the aggregate annual limit, the group and category ceilings may be exceeded by not more than five per cent ;
- b) Within the ceiling for each group, the square yard equivalent of shortfalls in any category or categories with specific ceiling or ceilings may be used in any category or categories not given specific ceiling or ceilings.

5. The aggregate limit for 1965 shall be increased by 3 per cent. The aggregate limit for 1966 shall be increased by 5 per cent over the limit for 1965.

The percentage increase for 1965 and 1966 shall be applied to each limit for the groups and to each limit or ceiling within the groups.

6. Wherever it is necessary for the purposes of this Arrangement to convert units other than square yards (e. g., dozen, pieces, pounds, etc.) into square yard equivalent, the conversion factors set forth in the Annex hereto shall apply.

7 With the exception of seasonal items the Government of Portugal shall space its annual exports within each category or combination of categories given a specific ceiling on a cumulative, quarterly percentage basis of 30 – 55 – 80 – 100.

8. The two Governments undertake to consult whenever there is any question arising from the implementation of this Arrangement.

- a) If instances of excessive concentration of Portuguese exports of apparel products made from a particular type of fabric should cause or threaten to cause disruption of United States domestic market, the United States Government may request in writing consultations with the Portuguese Government to determine an appropriate course of action.
- b) Such a request shall be accompanied by a detailed, factual statement of the reasons and justification for the request, including relevant data on domestic production and consumption and on imports from third countries. During the course of such consultations, the Portuguese Government shall maintain exports of the articles concerned on a quarterly basis at annual levels not in excess of 105 per cent of the exports of such products during the first 12 months of the 15-month period prior to the month in which consultations are requested or at annual levels not in excess of 90 per cent of the exports of such products during the 12 months prior to the month in which consultations are requested, whichever is higher.
- c) This provision should only be resorted to sparingly. In the event that the Portuguese Government considers that the substance of the present Arrangement would be seriously affected due to such consultations, the Portuguese Government may request that the consultations include a discussion of possible modifications of those categories under specific ceilings.

9. In the event that Portugal plans to export during any calendar year more than 350,000 square yard equivalent in any category not given specific ceiling, the Government of Portugal shall inform the United States Government of this intention. The United States Government will notify the Government of Portugal promptly, and in any event within thirty days after receipt of the Government of Portugal's information, whether or not it wishes to consult on this question. During this 30-day period, the Government of Portugal agrees not to permit calendar year exports to exceed 350,000 square yard equivalent in the category in question. If the United States Government request consultations, it shall provide the Government of Portugal with information on conditions of the United States market in this category. During the course of such consultations, the Government of Portugal shall continue to limit exports in this category to an annual level not in excess of 350,000 square yard equivalent.