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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

AMENDING THE QUOTAS FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM HUNGARY

(Commission Communication to the Council)

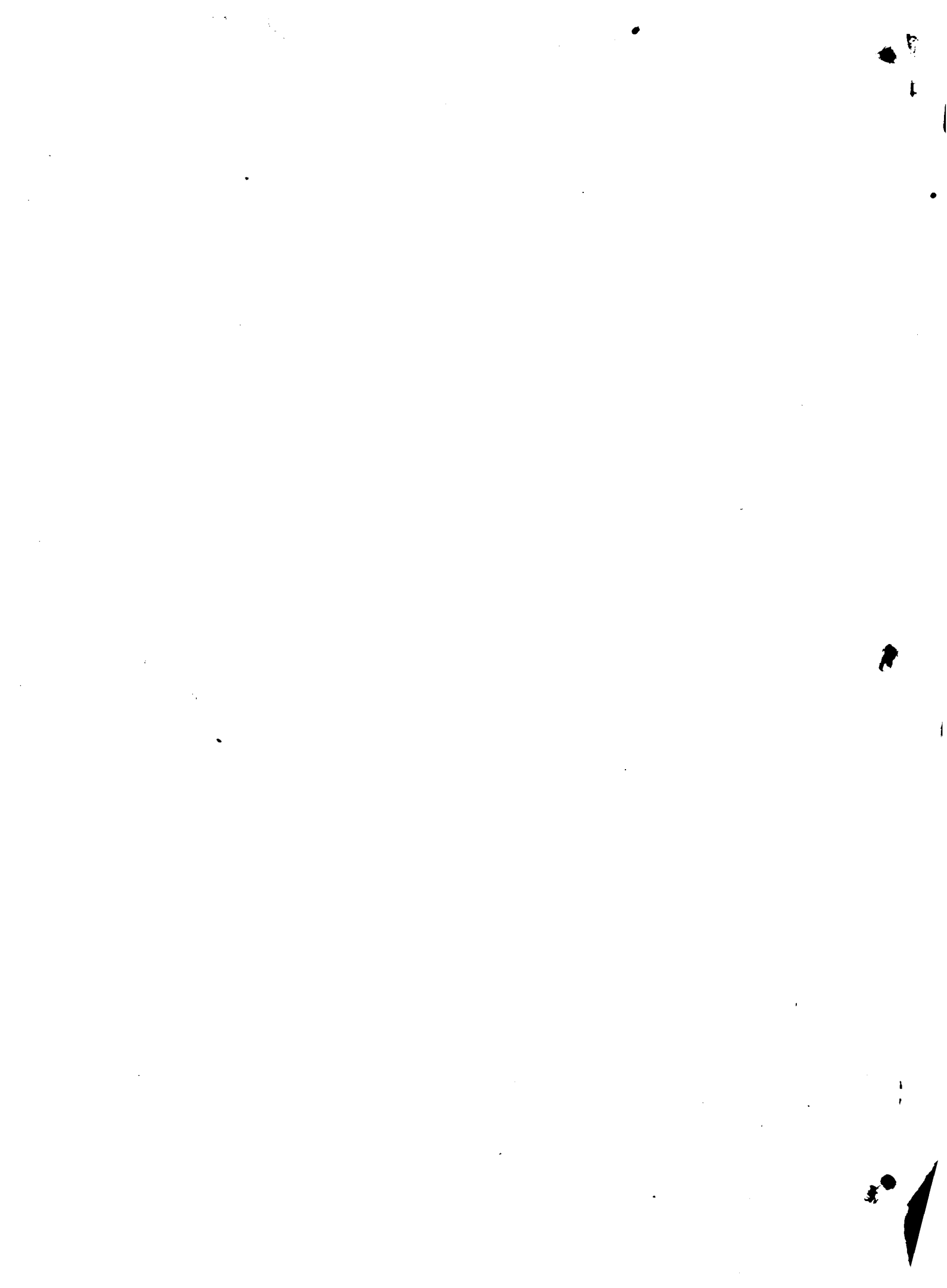
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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. On 17 October 1978 the British Government, in accordance with Article 3 of Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975 on unilateral import arrangements in respect of state-trading countries<sup>1</sup>, notified the other Member States and the Commission of its desire for the following amendments to be made as an exceptional measure for 1978 only, to the arrangements applied in the United Kingdom in respect of imports from Hungary under Council Decision 78/545/EEC on import arrangements for certain textile products originating in state-trading countries<sup>2</sup>:

- (i) category 2 (a): an increase in the sub-ceiling for woven fabrics of cotton other than unbleached or bleached from 62 tonnes to ..... tonnes
- (ii) category 3 (a) an increase in the sub-ceiling for woven fabrics of man-made fibres other than bleached or unbleached from 25 tonnes to ..... tonnes.

2. The United Kingdom's request calls for the following comments:

- (i) the reason for the request is that when, in June, the Council adopted Decision 78/545/EEC, mentioned above, firm orders had already been placed by British importers for amounts larger than those provided for in this Decision;
- (ii) the increases are exceptional and will therefore not be extended automatically next year;
- (iii) the increases in the sub-ceilings referred to will take place within two quotas of which the total amounts remain unchanged.

3. In these circumstances the Commission could have decided itself, in accordance with Article 5 (1) of Decision 75/210/EEC, on the measure desired by the United Kingdom.

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(1) OJ L 99, 21.4.1975, P. 7  
(2) OJ L 168, 26.6.1978, P. 1.

However, in accordance with the first indent of Article 7 of the Decision, as negotiations on textile matters between Hungary and the Community have been authorized, only the Council may decide on the measure in question.

This is why the matter is being brought before the Council.

4. Accordingly, the Commission proposes that the Council:

- (i) adopt the annexed draft decision;
- (ii) authorize its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**OF**

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**amending the quotas for the importation into the United Kingdom of  
textile products originating in Hungary**

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**THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,**

**Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,  
and in particular Article 113 thereof,**

**Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,**

**Whereas the United Kingdom, in accordance with Article 3 of Council  
Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975 on unilateral import arrangements  
in respect of State-trading countries (1), has requested an amendment of  
the import arrangements with regard to Hungary resulting from  
Council Decision 78/545/EEC of 12 June 1978 on import arrangements for  
certain textile products originating in State-trading countries (2);**

**Whereas the measures desired by that Member State should be adopted;**

**Whereas on 17 and 18 October 1977 the Council authorized negotiation of a  
textile agreement with Hungary;                      whereas consequently in accordance  
with Article 7 of Decision 75/210/EEC Member States may no longer implement  
measures amending their import arrangements in respect of Hungary and Poland  
as regards the textiles sector without a prior decision being  
adopted by the Council in accordance with Article 113 of the Treaty,**

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(1) OJ No L 99, 21.4.1975, p. 7.

(2) OJ No L 168, 26.6.1978, p. 1.

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HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

As an exceptional measure, in the Annex to Council Decision 78/545/EEC the amounts for the following sub-ceilings are amended for 1978 as follows:

| Category | Third Country | Member State   | Amount |        |
|----------|---------------|----------------|--------|--------|
|          |               |                | old    | new    |
| 2 (a)    | Hungary       | United Kingdom | 62 t.  | 230 t. |
| 3 (a)    | Hungary       | United Kingdom | 25 t.  | 145 t. |

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at

For the Council  
The President