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C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE

Materiel diffuse au cours du RVM du 30 novembre:
Discours du President Thorn a la quatrieme conference generale
extraordinaire de l'UNESCO a Paris le 30.11.1982.

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1. RENCONTRE THORN/CES (P. CERF)

Dans le cadre des rencontres periodiques entre la Commission
et la Confederation Europeenne des Syndicats (CES), le President
Thorn a recu ce matin le President de la CES, M. George Debunne
et le Secretaire general, M. Mathias Hinterscheid.

Les entretiens ont porte sur la situation economique
internationale a la veille du Conseil Europeen.

2. EC - HONG KONG TEXTILE AGREEMENT. (MEMO 141)

A new agreement on trade in textile products between the EEC
and Hong Kong for the periode 1983-1986 was initialled on 30
November after 3 rounds of formal negotiations. The Hong Kong
Delegation was led by Mr. L. Mills, Director fo Trade, the
Community's delegation by Mr. H.G. Krenzler, Special
Representative for Textiles Negotiations.

The Agreement provides for a reduction in restraint levels
(cutbacks) of between 8.3 % and 6.3 % for the five most
sensitive product categories (T-shirts, sweaters, trousers,
blouses and shirts), which is within the Global Ceilings
established by the EEC Council of Ministers. Restraint levels
for 34 other categories are established on the basis of 1982
quotas. A number of regional restraint levels have also been
negotiated. On average, growth rates are substantially lower
than in the previous agreement, ranging from 0.1 % for cotton
cloth and synthetic cloth, 0.5 % for the most sensitive clothing
categories, up to 4 % for less sensitive categories restrained
on a EEC-wide basis.

Flexibility provisions are foreseen in the Agreement,
providing for carry-over and carry-forward between agreement
years subject to consultation at levels of between 1 % and 5 %.
Inter-category transfer is available at between 3.5 % and 5 %
depending on the sensitivity of the products concerned. No
flexibility is available for cotton cloth and synthetic cloth
and a cumulative limit for the use of flexibility is set at 10 %
for the most sensitive product categories and 11 % for other
categories.

The standard types of clause found in other Community's
textile agreements are also included in the EC-Hong Kong
Agreement which was negotiated within the terms of the
Community's negotiating directives.

Hong Kong is by far the Community's number 1. supplier of
sensitive (Group 1) clothing products and in 1981 supplied over
17 % of all of the textile and clothing imports from MFA
countries.

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The Agreement constitutes an important step in the programme of the EEC textiles negotiations and the Commission believes that the reduction in access for the most important MFA supplier will contribute to the stability of the Community's import market on textile products and thus provide a more favourable working environment for the Community's industry.

3. CEE-ROUMANIE


La deuxième reunion de la Commission mixte CEE-Roumanie aura lieu les 2 et 3 decembre a Bucarest. M. Haferkamp et le ministre roumain du Commerce M. Pungan meneront les delegations respectives. M. Haferkamp insistera notamment sur la deterioration des exportations communautaires vers la Roumanie qui ont diminue depuis 1979 de telle facon que, pendant les 6 premiers mois de 1982, la Communaute a enregistre un deficit de plus de 300 millions d'Ecus. Un Memo 139 rappelant l'etat des relations CEE-Roumanie a ete distribue aujourd'hui en salle de presse.

4. CEE-TURQUIE

Selon l'agence AFP, le gouvernement turc aurait decide de bloquer toutes les importations en provenance de la France pour protester contre l'arret des importations de certains produits textiles turcs par ce pays (voir note BIO 505 de vendredi dernier). En reponse a des questions, nous avons dit que la Commission ne dispose d'aucune information confirmant la nouvelle.

MATERIEL DIFFUSE

- - MEMO 139 - CEE- Roumanie
- MEMO 141 - Accord textiles CEE - Hong Kong
- MEMO 142 - Exportations Beurre (voir BIO COM)
- IP 292 - Aides aux PVD non-associes (projets en faveur de l'Inde)
- Eurostat . Offres d'emploi enregistrees 1975-1980.

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