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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND EGYPT RELATING TO TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

I

The Acting Secretary of State to the Egyptian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1974

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement concerning trade in cotton textiles between the United States and the Arab Republic of Egypt, as amended,² which expired on December 31, 1973, as well as the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, done in Geneva on December 20, 1973,³ under the auspices of the GATT.

In recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments, it was recognized that further study on the evolution of our bilateral textile trade during the next few months would be beneficial to both sides prior to completion of all of the provisions of a new bilateral cotton textile agreement with effect from January 1, 1975. The aggregate level for such new agreement will be 69 million square yards equivalent for the year beginning January 1, 1975, a level based on prior agreement with the Arab Republic of Egypt and discussions between representatives of the two Governments. During the further discussion of provisions of a new bilateral agreement, the development of actual trade during the present year will be taken into account in determining appropriate category limits and other provisions.

During the remaining months of 1974, as an interim measure pending formalization of such a bilateral cotton textile agreement, the two Governments agree that they will consult promptly at the request of either Government to develop a mutually satisfactory solution to any problems that may arise with respect to exports of Egyptian cotton textiles to the United States of America in any category. In the absence of such a mutually satisfactory solution, the levels of trade in the following categories in the calendar year 1974 shall not exceed the indicated percentages of the aggregate level for 1975, nor may total exports in 1974 exceed 65 million square yards equivalent.

Categories 1 through 4	20.0 %
Categories 9/26 (other than print cloth)	50.72%
of which Category 9 shall not exceed	42.03%
and Category 26 shall not exceed	17.39%
Category 18/19/26 (print cloth)	2.9 %

¹ Came into force on 10 May 1974 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 776, p. 39, and annex A in volume 937.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 930, p. 166.

Category 21	2.9%
Category 15/16	5.8%
Category 22/23	8.7%
Category 27	2.9%

In categories of cotton textiles not given specific limits, during calendar year 1974, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt may exceed consultation levels in such amounts as may be mutually agreed upon by the two Governments, the consultation levels for categories of cotton apparel (categories 39–63) being 411,000 square yards equivalent, and the consultation levels for non-apparel cotton textile categories being 616,000 square yards equivalent.

The two Governments shall also exchange statistical information on the development of trade under this arrangement.

During the term of this Agreement, the Government of the United States of America will not request restraint on the export of cotton textiles from the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United States under the procedures of article 3 of the MFA. The applicability of the MFA to trade in cotton textiles between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the United States shall otherwise be unaffected by this Agreement.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, this note and your note of confirmation will constitute an agreement between our two Governments, to expire December 31, 1974.

Accept Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State:

JULIUS L. KATZ

His Excellency Ashraf A. Ghorbal
Ambassador of Egypt

II

EMBASSY OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 10, 1974

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note of today's date, 10 May 1974, proposing an agreement concerning trade in cotton textiles between the United States of America and the Arab Republic of Egypt.

I further have the honour to accept your Excellency's proposal, as contained in your note of today's date, on behalf of my Government and agree

that Your Excellency's note and this note in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[*Signed*]

ASHRAF GHORBAL
Ambassador

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.
