

16. Participants agreed to co-operate fully in dealing with problems relating to circumvention of the Arrangement, in the light of the provisions of Article 8 thereof. To this end, it is agreed that such co-operation will include such administrative cooperation and exchange of available information and documents in accordance with national laws and procedures, as are necessary to establish the relevant facts. It was further agreed that the appropriate administrative action referred to in Article 8, paragraph 2, should in principle, where evidence is available regarding the country of true origin and the circumstances of circumvention, include adjustment of charges to existing quotas to reflect the country of true origin; any such adjustment together with its timing and scope being decided in consultation between the countries concerned, with a view to arriving at a mutually satisfactory solution. If such a solution is not reached any participant involved may refer the matter to the Textiles Surveillance Body in accordance with the provisions of Article 8, paragraph 2.

17. The participants agreed to collaborate in regard to instances of false declarations regarding the quantity and type of textile products presented for import by the exchange of available information and documents in accordance with the national laws concerned, with a view to establishing the relevant facts and enabling the government concerned to take appropriate action under national laws and procedures.

18. Introduction of changes (such as changes in practices, rules, procedures, categorization of textile products, including those changes relating to the Harmonized System) in the implementation or interpretation of bilateral textile agreements or of the Arrangement, which have the effect of upsetting the balance of rights and obligations between the parties concerned, or which affect the economic content of a bilateral agreement, or which affect the ability of a participant to use or benefit fully from a bilateral agreement, or which disrupt trade, shall be avoided as far as possible. Where such changes are necessary, participants agreed that the participant initiating any such changes shall, wherever possible, inform and initiate consultations with the affected participant prior to the time that such changes may affect the trade in question, with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable solution regarding appropriate and equitable adjustments. Participants further agreed that where consultation prior to implementation of any such changes is not feasible, the participant initiating such changes will consult, as early as possible, with the affected participant with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution regarding appropriate and equitable adjustments. Any dispute under this provision may be referred to the Textiles Surveillance Body for recommendation.