

AGREEMENT**in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Belarus amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Belarus on trade in textile products***A. Letter from the European Community*

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Belarus on trade in textile products initialled on 1 April 1993, as last amended and extended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 11 November 2005 (hereafter referred to as the 'Agreement').
2. In view of the expiry of the Agreement on 31 December 2006 and in accordance with Article 19(1) of the Agreement, the European Community and the Republic of Belarus agree to extend the duration of the Agreement, for a further period of one year, subject to the following amendments and conditions:

- 2.1. The text of Article 19(1) of the Agreement shall read as follows:

'This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for that purpose. It shall be applicable until 31 December 2007.'

- 2.2. Annex II which sets out the quantitative restrictions for exports from the Republic of Belarus to the European Community is replaced by Appendix 1 to this letter.
- 2.3. The Annex to Protocol C which sets out the quantitative restrictions for exports from the Republic of Belarus to the European Community after OPT operations in the Republic of Belarus is replaced for the period of 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007 by Appendix 2 to this letter.
- 2.4. Imports into Belarus of textile and clothing products of European Community origin shall be subject in 2007 to custom duties not exceeding those provided for 2003 in Appendix 4 of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Belarus initialled on 11 November 1999.

In the case of non-application of these rates the Community will have the right to reintroduce for the period of the Agreement remaining unexpired on a pro rata basis the levels for quantitative restrictions applicable for 2006 as specified in the Exchange of Letters initialled on 11 November 2005.

3. Should the Republic of Belarus become a Member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) before the date of the expiry of the Agreement, the agreements and rules of the WTO shall be applied from the date of the Republic of Belarus' accession to the WTO.
4. I should be obliged if you could kindly confirm the acceptance of your Government of the foregoing. Should this be the case, this Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the day on which the Parties have notified each other that the legal procedures necessary to this end have been completed. In the meantime, it shall be applied provisionally from 1 January 2007 on the condition of reciprocity.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the European Community

Appendix 1

'ANNEX II

Belarus	Category	unit	Quota as from 1 January 2007
Group IA	1	tonnes	1 585
	2	tonnes	6 600
	3	tonnes	242
Group IB	4	T pieces	1 839
	5	T pieces	1 105
	6	T pieces	1 705
	7	T pieces	1 377
	8	T pieces	1 160
Group IIA	9	tonnes	363
	20	tonnes	329
	22	tonnes	524
	23	tonnes	255
	39	tonnes	241
Group IIB	12	T pairs	5 959
	13	T pieces	2 651
	15	T pieces	1 726
	16	T pieces	186
	21	T pieces	930
	24	T pieces	844
	26/27	T pieces	1 117
	29	T pieces	468
	73	T pieces	329
	83	tonnes	184
Group IIIA	33	tonnes	387
	36	tonnes	1 309
	37	tonnes	463
	50	tonnes	207
Group IIIB	67	tonnes	356
	74	T pieces	377
	90	tonnes	208
Group IV	115	tonnes	114
	117	tonnes	2 310
	118	tonnes	471

T pieces: thousand of pieces'

Appendix 2

'ANNEX TO PROTOCOL C

Category	Unit	As from 1 January 2007
4	1 000 pieces	5 399
5	1 000 pieces	7 526
6	1 000 pieces	10 037
7	1 000 pieces	7 534
8	1 000 pieces	2 565
12	1 000 pieces	5 072
13	1 000 pieces	795
15	1 000 pieces	4 400
16	1 000 pieces	896
21	1 000 pieces	2 927
24	1 000 pieces	754
26/27	1 000 pieces	3 668
29	1 000 pieces	1 487
73	1 000 pieces	5 700
83	Tonnes	757
74	1 000 pieces	994'

B. *Letter from the Government of the Republic of Belarus*

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of ... which reads as follows:

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Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.'

I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with the content of your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Government of the Republic of Belarus
