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NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND THE REASONS FOR IT

EGYPT

(Cotton Yarn)

The following communication, dated 1 December 2011, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Egypt.

The Arab Republic of Egypt, hereby wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards of the initiation of a safeguard investigation on the imports of Cotton Yarn.

1. The date when the investigation was initiated

The investigation was initiated further to an approval of the Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry dated 23 November 2011. The notice of initiation by the investigating authority was published in the Official Gazette on 24 November 2011.

2. Specify the product subject to investigation

Cotton Yarn. The product is classified under HS tariff item numbers: 52 05, 52 06 and 52 07 within the Egyptian Customs Tariff Schedule.

3. The reasons for the initiation of investigation

The investigation was initiated after examination of a documented safeguards petition filed by Cotton and Textile Industries Holding Co., in which it alleged that increased imports of the subject product had caused serious injury to the domestic industry producing similar products.

The data currently available also shows a situation of decreasing domestic sales and sharply declining market share for the domestic industry, decreasing domestic production, increasing inventories, decreasing in the number of workers and workers' productivity, increasing losses, in conjunction with the increase in imports.

Accordingly, it was established that there was sufficient evidence in the application to justify the initiation of the investigation in order to determine whether or not the increase of imports had caused serious injury to the domestic industry.

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4. Further information

Interested parties must make themselves known to the investigating authority within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Any information which the interested parties may wish to submit before the investigating authority should be submitted in writing and any request for a hearing should be submitted within 30 days following the initiation of this investigation.

The address of the competent authority for correspondence is:

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