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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN ARRANGEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES RE-
LATING TO A VISA SYSTEM FOR TRADE IN TEXTILES

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December 29, 1981

Dear Mr. Minister:

I propose on behalf of my government that the following visa system be established for exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products from the Republic of Maldives:

- 1) Each commercial shipment of apparel products shall be visaed by your government before entry for consumption into the United States.
- 2) A shipment shall be visaed by the placing of original stamped markings (THE VISA) in blue ink on the front of the invoice (special customs invoice form 5515, successor document, or commercial invoice when such form is used). Each visa shall include its number and date and the signature of the issuing official. The visa shall also state the correct category and quantity in the shipment in applicable category units. Attached is a facsimile of the visa.
- 3) Your government shall give my government originals in duplicate of the visa stamped markings and of the signatures of the officials authorized to issue and sign them, which shall not exceed five. Your government shall notify my government in advance of any changes in the stamps or of authorized officials and shall provide originals in duplicate of the new stamped markings and of any newly authorized officials' signatures.
- 4) Upon receipt of the authorized visa stamp and signatures, my government shall publish a notice in the Federal Register regarding the visa system established herein. The Federal Register notice shall include the date the systems became effective, which shall be about six weeks following publication of the notice. My government shall inform your government of the exact date as soon as it is determined.
- 5) Any shipment which is not accompanied by a valid and correct visa in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be denied entry by my government on and after the effective date specified in the Federal Register notice unless your government specifically authorizes entry. Notwithstanding this provision, entry may be permitted if the quantity indicated on the export visa exceeds that of the shipment.

¹ Came into force on 22 March 1982 by the exchange of letters, with effect from 1 October 1982, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.