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IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS CONCERNING ARGENTINA'S ACTION IN RESPECT OF IMPORTS OF FOOTWEAR

Joint Communication from Argentina and the European Communities

The following communication, dated 17 April 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Argentina and the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities.

In relation to Argentina's safeguard measure on footwear, notified to the Committee on Safeguards as, *inter alia*, G/SN/6/ARG/1, G/SN/6/ARG/1/Suppl.1, G/SN/7/ARG/1, G/SN/7/ARG/1/Suppl.1, G/SN/10/ARG/1 and G/SN/11/ARG/1, and which is still partially in force, Argentina and the European Communities are pleased to notify the Council for Trade in Goods that they have agreed that their reciprocal rights and obligations under the Agreement on Safeguards and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will be maintained, and for this purpose they have agreed to extend the 90-day period set forth in Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards and Article XIX:3(a) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 for as long as Argentina's measure on footwear remains in force.

The agreement to extend this period is without prejudice to their reciprocal rights and obligations concerning Argentina's measure.
