

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## TEXTILES COMMITTEE

### Accession under Paragraph 2 of Article 13

The following communications regarding accession in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 13 have been received by the Director-General.

#### MEXICO

##### Communication Dated 15 March 1974

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Mexico accepts, in principle, to be a party to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles which entered into force on 1 January last. Mexico's acceptance of this Arrangement should be considered provisional pending completion of the relevant constitutional formalities governing formal accession to that instrument.

Taking into account the fact that the Mexican Government acceded to the Long-Term Arrangement on Cotton Textiles on the basis of the same provisions as are set forth in Article 13, paragraph 2, of the Arrangement currently in force, my Government reaffirms its acceptance of that provision, on the understanding that if you deem it desirable, the Textiles Committee may take cognizance of the conditions of Mexico's accession at its first meeting to be held on 26 March.

##### Communication Dated 26 March 1974

In accordance with the agreement reached by the GATT Textiles Committee at its meeting today with respect to the accession of governments not contracting parties to the GATT to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, in my capacity as Head of the Mexican delegation to the aforementioned meeting of the Textiles Committee I am writing to you, in your capacity as depositary of the Arrangement, in order to reaffirm and supplement the communication addressed to you by the authorities of my Government on 15 March, in the following terms.

I wish to reaffirm to you the decision of my national authorities to be a party to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles without reservation and on the same terms as the other parties to the Arrangement, subject to the administrative and legal procedures in force in my country and, consequently, to the ratification required under the Constitution.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mexico's accession is subject to the aforementioned ratification, I can reaffirm to you my Government's undertaking to comply with the provisions of Article 13, paragraph 2 of the Arrangement, specifically in the sense of not introducing new import restrictions or intensifying existing import restrictions on textile products.

With respect to the other provisions of the Arrangement, I wish to state that my Government is disposed to implement the Arrangement on a de facto basis pending definitive ratification as mentioned above. The foregoing should be interpreted as meaning that, in accordance with my Government's notification dated 15 March and addressed to you, the Mexican Government will notify to the Textiles Surveillance Body before 15 May next the quantitative restrictions existing in my country and likewise the bilateral agreements in force between Mexico and other members of the Textiles Committee.

With respect to the undertaking set forth in Article 2, paragraph 2, my Government considers that the restrictions in force in Mexico are fully justified under the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and more particularly inter alia Article XVIII of that instrument, having regard to the conditions and needs of my country's development.