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LRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Accession under Paragraph 2 of Article 13

The following is a communication received by the Director-General from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bulgaria concerning his Government's request for accession to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 13.

On the instructions of my Government I have the honour to bring to your knowledge its decision to initiate appropriate action with a view to accession of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

My Government accepts the Arrangement without reservation. It subscribes to the obligation mentioned in Article 13, paragraph 2, and undertakes not to introduce new import restrictions or intensify existing import restrictions on textile products. Therefore, my Government expects to receive treatment for matters within the purview of that instrument, equivalent to that granted to the other participants.

In taking note of the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 1, of the Arrangement, my Government wishes to state that Bulgaria does not impose any quantitative restrictions on imports of textiles and applies only moderate customs tariffs. In due course this circumstance will be formally notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body.

I would greatly appreciate your conveying of my Government's request to the Textiles Counitte in order to be examine during the earliest meeting of that body.