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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Communication from the People's Republic of China

The following communication dated 6 October 1983 has been received by the Director-General from the Permanent Mission of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

I have the honour to inform you that the People's Republic of China wishes to be a party to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and its 1981 Protocol of Extension.

The Government of the People's Republic of China accepts the provisions of the Arrangement and its Protocol without reservation, and it also accepts all the obligations deriving from the Arrangement, including the undertaking not to introduce new import restrictions or intensify existing import restrictions on textile products, in so far as such action would be inconsistent with the GATT provisions.

I would like to reaffirm that China's participation in the Arrangement is without prejudice to the position of the Chinese Government with regard to its legal status vis-à-vis the GATT.

My Government has taken note of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Arrangement and, in this connection, confirms that, upon participation in the Arrangement, it will notify in detail to the Textiles Surveillance Body all restrictions maintained by it on imports of textiles and clothing covered by the Arrangement.

China is a developing country. The Chinese Government expects, upon its participation in the Arrangement and its Protocol, and for matters covered thereby, to be entitled to a treatment equivalent to that accorded to other participating developing countries with similar level of economic development.

I hope you would bring the contents of this communication to the attention of the Textiles Committee at an early date.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.