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Communication Received from India

The following communication has been received by the Director-General from the Indian mission for the information of the members of the Cotton Textiles Committee.

The Government of the Republic of India have accepted on 21 October 1970 the Protocol as drawn up by the Cotton Textiles Committee at its meeting held at Geneva on 27 May 1970, extending the validity of the Arrangement of 1 October 1962 regarding international trade in cotton textiles for the period ending 30 September 1973.

The Government of the Republic of India have accepted the Protocol without reservation. This acceptance is however subject to the following understandings:

1. The Record of Understandings attached to the Arrangement of 1 October 1962 continues to be, mutatis mutandis, part of the extended Arrangement valid until 30 September 1973 inclusive.
2. The considerations relating to the less-developed countries set out in the preamble and in subsequent Ministerial Declarations and UNCTAD resolutions and recommendations in regard to the trade of less-developed countries will be borne in mind and acted upon.
3. Arrangements for administering agreed limitations will be mutually satisfactory and designed to assist smooth working and the realization of the objective of enlarging the export opportunities and exchange earnings of developing countries.
4. Further it is strongly hoped that:
 - (i) all handloom products including made-up articles will be excluded from the operation of the Arrangement;
 - (ii) the question of according duty-free access by developed countries to cotton textiles from developing countries covered under quantitative restrictions will be resolved satisfactorily; and
 - (iii) during the ensuing discussion on the state of international trade in cotton textiles and the longer term development of such trade beyond the period of extension of the Long-Term Arrangement, the Committee will give special attention to expanding and promoting the exports of developing countries possessing the necessary resources such as raw materials and technical skills.

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