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Communication from the Republic of Panama

The following communication dated 9 August 1984 has been received by the Director-General from the Government of the Republic of Panama.

I have pleasure in referring to your letter of 25 July 1984 regarding our conversations on carrying through Panama's accession to the "Arrangement Regarding International Trade on Textiles (MFA)".

In this connection I have pleasure, on behalf of my country, in presenting a formal application for our accession to that Arrangement, in accordance with the established procedure, namely that:

- We accept the Arrangement without reservation;
- We undertake, in accordance with Article 13:2 of the MFA, "not to introduce new import restrictions or intensify existing import restrictions, on textile products, in so far as such action would, if that government had been a contracting party to the GATT, be inconsistent with its obligations thereunder";
- Panama is prepared to notify to the TSB, as from our accession to the MFA, any restrictions it maintains on imports of textiles in accordance with Article 2:1 of the Arrangement; and
- Panama will declare that it expects, upon its accession to the Arrangement, and for matters covered thereby, to be entitled to a treatment equivalent to that accorded to other participating countries with similar economic systems and level of development.