

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA

The following communication, dated 19 November 1987, has been received by the Director-General from the Minister of Foreign Trade for Costa Rica.

"I have the honour to advise you that the Republic of Costa Rica wishes to become a party to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and to the Protocol extending that instrument, dated 31 July 1986.

The Government of Costa Rica accepts without reservation the provisions of the Arrangement and the Protocol thereto, and likewise accepts all obligations under the Arrangement, including the commitment not to introduce new restrictions on the import of textile products nor intensify existing ones, to the extent that this would be inconsistent with the provisions of the General Agreement.

The Government of Costa Rica has taken note of the provisions of Article 2:1 of the Arrangement and in this respect confirms that upon becoming a party to the Arrangement it will notify in detail to the Textiles Surveillance Body all restrictions applied by it on imports of textiles and clothing covered by the Arrangement.

Costa Rica is a developing country. Its Government hopes that upon becoming a party to the Arrangement and the Protocol thereto, and in respect of matters covered by those instruments, it will be entitled to receive treatment equivalent to that accorded to other participating developing countries at a like level of economic development.

I would appreciate your bringing this communication to the attention of the Textiles Committee at an early date."