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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Communication from the Government of Costa Rica

Addendum

The following communication was received by the Director-General from the Government of Costa Rica on 14 March 1988.¹

"I have the honour to refer to the meeting of the GATT Textiles Committee held in Geneva on 14 March 1988 at which a favourable decision was taken with respect to the request of the Government of Costa Rica to become a party to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and its Protocol of Extension dated 31 July 1986.

On behalf of the Government of Costa Rica, I have the pleasure to confirm the request as contained in the communication reproduced in document COM.TEX/W/203, which reads as follows:

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."

¹In accordance with the procedure set out in COM.TEX/2, the accession of Costa Rica to the Arrangement became effective as of 14 March 1988.