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Communication from the Government of the United States

Requests for Accession to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles by Governments which are not Contracting Parties to the GATT

The Director-General has received the following memorandum from the Government of the United States, dated 31 August 1993, for circulation to the members of the Textiles Committee.

"This is in response to the several memoranda from former Director-General Arthur Dunkel concerning requests by governments which are not contracting parties to the GATT to accede to the MFA pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 13 of the Arrangement. The terms necessary for my government to agree to such accession must include a satisfactory understanding on circumvention in the form of a signed bilateral agreement between the Government of the United States and the acceding government.

Additional comments will, as appropriate, be submitted with respect to the specific request for MFA accession of each of the countries concerned."