

# **GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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## **ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES**

### **Communication from the Government of Brazil**

The Director-General has received the following communication from the Government of Brazil, dated 13 September 1993, for circulation to the Members of the Textiles Committee.

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"Pursuant to Article 10.3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, Brazil wishes to refer to the Textiles Committee the matter raised by the United States Government and conveyed to MFA signatories through documents COM.TEX/W/255 and COM.TEX/W/256, dated 3 and 8 September 1993.

By addressing the matter in the terms contained in those documents, the United States Government seems to have adhered to a specific interpretation of Article 13.2 of the Arrangement which might differ from previous decisions by the Textiles Committee and the resulting practice.

Furthermore, in the specific case of accession by Bahrain, those terms seem to impose a conditionality that is not warranted under the multilateral approach to which signatories are committed under Article 4.1 of the Arrangement.

Brazil wishes to clarify that its request that the Textiles Committee be seized of this matter is not meant to prejudice in any way the accession of Bahrain to the Arrangement.

Furthermore, it does not imply any specific additional interpretation relating to the matter of circumvention or anti-circumvention measures."