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Communication from Colombia

The Director-General has received the following communication from the delegation of Colombia, on behalf of the group of developing countries, members of the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau, for circulation to the Members of the Textiles Committee.

"The ITCB members participating in the MFA have noted the communication of the United States on the accession of Bahrain, contained in document COM.TEX/W/256 dated 8 September 1993. They are of the view that the terms of accession of new participants, who are non-contracting parties to the GATT, should be decided on a case by case basis and agreed by all participating countries of the MFA.

The ITCB members reiterate that any understanding reached bilaterally on accession between the acceding country and a member of the MFA including measures to combat and deal with circumvention, should be in conformity with the provisions of the MFA and the 1986 Protocol of Extension which is maintained in force by the 1992 Protocol of Extension. They would not consider any such understanding valid and enforceable if it goes beyond the terms of the MFA and the 1986 Protocol of Extension."