The Government of the Maldives, which has been applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis since 26 July 1965, advised the Director-General of GATT on 19 April 1983 that it wished to be deemed a contracting party under the provisions of Article XXVI: 5(c).

The Government of Maldives also advised its acceptance of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, as extended by the Protocol for the period 1 January 1982 to 31 July 1986.

By virtue of its acceptance of the Arrangement the Maldives became a member of the Textiles Committee as of 19 April 1983.