The Japanese delegation has submitted the following proposal to be inserted in any new Protocol Extending the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles:

Proposal regarding Article 7 of the MFA

Recognizing that, in addition to the bilateral consultations pursuant to Article 3 and Article 4 of the MFA, it is useful to have an opportunity to provide for bilateral exchange of general information and views on trade in textiles and the textile industry between countries concerned for ensuring the effective operation of the MFA.

Participating countries agreed that if any member requests another participating country to have such an opportunity on a bilateral basis, then that country shall accord sympathetic consideration to such a request.