The following communication, dated 30 April 1991, has been received by the Director-General from the Permanent Secretary for Trade and Commerce, Fiji.

"I have the honour to advise you that the Republic of Fiji wishes to become a party to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles under Article 13(2) and to the Protocol extending that instrument, dated 31 July 1986.

The Government of the Republic of Fiji accepts without reservation the provisions of the Agreement and the Protocol thereto, and likewise accepts all obligations under the Agreement, including the commitment not to introduce new restrictions on the import of textile products nor intensify existing ones, to the extent that this would be inconsistent with the provisions of the General Agreement.

The Government of the Republic of Fiji has taken note of the provisions of Article 2:1 of the Agreement and in this respect confirms that upon becoming a party to the Arrangement it will notify in detail to the Textiles Surveillance Body all restrictions applied by it on imports of textiles and clothing covered by the Arrangement.

Fiji is a developing country. Its Government hopes that upon becoming a party to the Arrangement and the Protocol thereto, and in respect of matters covered by those instruments, it will be entitled to receive treatment equivalent to that accorded to other participating developing countries at a like level of economic development.

I would appreciate your bringing this communication to the Textiles Committee at its next meeting."

This request will be included in the agenda for the Textiles Committee's meeting on 16 May 1991.