ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES,
DONE AT GENEVA ON 20 DECEMBER 1973,
AND THE PROTOCOL EXTENDING THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES,
DONE AT GENEVA ON 22 DECEMBER 1981

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

I have the honour to inform you that on 18 January 1984 I received from the Government of the People's Republic of China a letter of acceptance, dated 17 January 1984, relating to the above-mentioned Arrangement and Protocol. The text of the letter is attached hereto.

In accordance with the Decision of the Textiles Committee at its meeting on 15 December 1983, the accession of the People's Republic of China to the Arrangement and the 1981 Protocol became effective as of 18 January 1984.

Arthur Dunkel
Director-General
TEXT OF LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, DATED 17 JANUARY 1984, RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

"I have the honour to refer to the meeting of the Textiles Committee in Geneva on 15 December 1983 at which a favourable decision was taken with respect to the request of the Government of the People's Republic of China to become a party to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and its 1981 Protocol of Extension.

"Acting on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China I hereby confirm what is stated in its request contained in document COM.TEX/W/142, while reaffirming its undertaking to notify in due course the existing restrictions to the Textiles Surveillance Body in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Arrangement. I wish to reiterate that China's participation in the Arrangement is without prejudice to the position of the Chinese Government with regard to its legal status vis-à-vis the GATT."

1 Text attached
"I have the honour to inform you that the People's Republic of China wishes to be a party to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and its 1981 Protocol of Extension.

The Government of the People's Republic of China accepts the provisions of the Arrangement and its Protocol without reservation, and it also accepts all the obligations deriving from the Arrangement, including the undertaking not to introduce new import restrictions or intensify existing import restrictions on textile products, in so far as such action would be inconsistent with the GATT provisions.

I would like to reaffirm that China's participation in the Arrangement is without prejudice to the position of the Chinese Government with regard to its legal status vis-à-vis the GATT.

My Government has taken note of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Arrangement and, in this connection, confirms that, upon participation in the Arrangement, it will notify in detail to the Textiles Surveillance Body all restrictions maintained by it on imports of textiles and clothing covered by the Arrangement.

China is a developing country. The Chinese Government expects, upon its participation in the Arrangement and its Protocol, and for matters covered thereby, to be entitled to a treatment equivalent to that accorded to other participating developing countries with similar level of economic development.