I have the honour to inform you that on 14 March 1988 I received from
the Government of Costa Rica the following letter of acceptance of the
above-mentioned Protocol.

"I have the pleasure to refer to the meeting of the GATT Textiles
Committee held on 14 March 1988 in Geneva, at which it was decided to
accede to the request of the Government of Costa Rica to become a
party to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and
to the Protocol extending that instrument, dated 31 July 1986.

On behalf of the Government of Costa Rica, I have the pleasure to
confirm the request by Costa Rica, as contained in the communication
reproduced in document COM.TEX/W/203, the text of which reads as
follows:

'The Government of Costa Rica accepts without reservation the
provisions of the Arrangement and the Protocol thereto, and likewise
accepts all obligations under the Arrangement, 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 Costa Rica has taken note of the provisions of
Article 2:1 of the Arrangement 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.

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Costa Rica 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.

In accordance with the Decision of the Textiles Committee at its meeting on 14 March 1988 the accession of Costa Rica to the Arrangement and the 1986 Protocol became effective as of 14 March 1988.

Arthur Dunkel
Director-General