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AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Notification under Article 2.2

CHINA

The Textiles Monitoring Body has received a notification from China containing observations made pursuant to Article 2.2.

The TMB is circulating this notification to WTO Members for their information, pursuant to Article 2.2.

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Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China
To the World Trade Organization
1292 Chambésy, Switzerland

15 April 2002

Ambassador András Szepesi
Chairman
Textiles Monitoring Body
WTO

Dear Ambassador,

With reference to the notification made by Turkey on quantitative restrictions against China's export of textile and clothing (G/TMB/N/422), my Government has the following observations:

1. Application of growth-on-growth provisions. Paragraph 241 of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China reads as follows: "For such WTO Members, the phrase 'day prior to the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement', contained in Article 2.1 of the ATC, should be deemed to refer to the day prior to the date of China's accession." Therefore Turkey should treat China as if China joined the WTO on 1 January 1995 and the trade benefits under the ATC shall apply to China equally.
2. Growth rates notified to the TMB. According to Article 2.1 of the ATC, the growth rates to be notified by Turkey to the TMB shall be the growth rates applicable to China prior to the latter's accession. However, the growth rates in Turkey's notification as mentioned above are lower than those applicable to China in 2001.
3. Ceiling on flexibility provisions. According to Article 2.16 of the ATC, Turkey shall not maintain any ceiling on flexibility provisions after China's accession.

Please accept, Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)
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Minister Counsellor
