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LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE
IN COTTON TEXTILES

Information Transmitted by Argentina

The following communication has been received by the Executive Secretary from the Minister Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Argentina, Geneva.

I have the honour to refer to document COT/26/Add.2 which was communicated to contracting parties for information, and which can lead to the conclusion that the limitation measures adopted by the United States Government with respect to imports of cotton textiles from Argentina are the result of an agreement between the two Governments.

Consequently, I must make it perfectly clear that those limitations, which derive from the implementation of the Long-Term Arrangement on Cotton Textiles, to which Argentina is not a party, were adopted unilaterally by the United States Government.

In the view of my Government, these measures are contrary to the obligations deriving from the General Agreement for contracting parties, they constitute a violation of free trade principles, they run counter to the GATT policy of international trade expansion and they imply an evident non-compliance with the status quo provisions of the Action Programme; this was already pointed out by the delegation of Argentina at the meeting of the Action Committee in November last. The Government of Argentina therefore reserves all its rights under the General Agreement.

I would be grateful if you would kindly bring this communication to the attention of the contracting parties under the usual procedures.

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