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AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Communication from Hong Kong, China

The Textiles Monitoring Body has received the following communication from Hong Kong, China and is circulating it to WTO Members for their information.

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office
Geneva

26 June 1998

The Chairman
Textiles Monitoring Body
World Trade Organization
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Dear Ambassador Szepesi,

Thank you for your letter of 22 June 1998. I have also noted that in a subsequent letter dated 25 June by Mr. Don Johnson, US Chief Textile Negotiator, addressed to you and copied to me, Mr. Johnson advised that he will not be in a position "to respond to these issues in time for the meeting of the TMB starting July 6".¹

On behalf of Hong Kong, China, I confirm that a delegation from Hong Kong, China will be available for the TMB meeting scheduled for 6-8 July 1998, on the basis that the review requested by Hong Kong, China; India and Pakistan pursuant to ATC Article 2.21 is conducted at this meeting.

Alternatively, Hong Kong, China is prepared to consider attendance at the TMB review at another date provided that the time-frame for the making by the TMB of recommendations or findings under Article 2.21 is observed. Hong Kong, China notes that the 30-day period prescribed in Article 2.21 will expire on 17 July 1998.

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

(signed) Stuart Harbinson
Permanent Representative of Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region of China
to the World Trade Organization

¹ See G/TMB/N/330.