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TURKEY - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF TEXTILE
AND CLOTHING PRODUCTS

Request for the Establishment of a Panel by India

The following communication, dated 2 February 1998, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 6.2 of the DSU.

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1. In a communication dated 21 March 1996 (WT/DS34/1), India requested consultations with Turkey pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) and Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT 1994) regarding the unilateral imposition of quantitative restrictions by Turkey on imports of a broad range of textiles and clothing products from India as from 1 January 1996.
 2. India considers that the restrictions imposed by Turkey are inconsistent with Turkey's obligations under Articles XI and XIII of the GATT 1994 and are not justified by Article XXIV of the GATT 1994, which does not authorize the imposition of discriminatory quantitative restrictions. India also considers that the restrictions are inconsistent with Turkey's obligations under Article 2 of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). India further considers that the restrictions nullify or impair the benefits accruing directly or indirectly to India under the GATT 1994 and the ATC.
 3. India had scheduled consultations with Turkey on this matter on 18 April 1996. However, Turkey did not enter into these consultations and consequently these consultations did not result in a resolution of the dispute. The DSB was informed of the situation on 24 April 1996 (WT/DSB/M/15). Accordingly, India requests the Dispute Settlement Body to establish a panel to examine the matter in the light of the GATT 1994 and the ATC.
 4. India requests that this matter be placed on the agenda for the meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body scheduled to be held on 13 February 1998.
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