

TURKEY - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF TEXTILE
AND CLOTHING PRODUCTS

Request for Consultations by India

The following communication, dated 21 March 1996, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Permanent Mission of Turkey and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to request consultations with the Government of Turkey under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) and pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), regarding the unilateral imposition of quantitative restrictions by Turkey on imports of a broad range of textile and clothing products from India as from 1 January 1996.

India considers that these restrictions are inconsistent with Turkey's obligations under Articles XI and XIII of GATT 1994 and are not justified under Article XXIV of GATT 1994, which does not provide for 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. The restrictions imposed by Turkey nullify and impair the benefits accruing to India under the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, GATT 1994, and the WTO Agreement.

I am addressing a copy of this request to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body for notification in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

I look forward to receiving the reaction of your authorities to this request so that we can arrange a mutually convenient date and place for the consultations.