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## TURKEY - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF TEXTILE AND CLOTHING PRODUCTS

### Request to Join Consultations

### Communication from Malaysia, to Philippines and Thailand

The following communication, dated 22 February 1996, from the Permanent Missions of Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office and the Permanent Mission of Turkey and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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We have the honour to refer to WTO document WT/DS29/1 dated 15 February 1996 concerning Hong Kong's request for consultations with the Government of Turkey under Article XXII: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 textile and clothing products.

In accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU, we, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand, members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), hereby formally express our desire to be joined in such consultations. We consider the unilateral imposition of quantitative restrictions by Turkey as in contravention with many of the provisions of the Agreements under the World Trade Organization (WTO), including, but not limited to, Article XI, Article XIII and Article XXIV of GATT 1994 and Article 2 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).