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

### Request for Consultations by Thailand

The following communication, dated 20 June 1996, from the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the Permanent Mission of Turkey and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

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My authority has 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 Thailand as from 1 January 1996.

Thailand considers that the restrictions are in contravention with many provisions of the Agreements under the World Trade Organization (WTO), including, but not limited to, Article I, Article II, Article XI, Article XIII, and are not justified under Article XXIV of the GATT 1994. In addition, Thailand also considers that the restrictions are inconsistent with Turkey's obligations under Article 2 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). The restrictions, therefore, constitute *prima facie* nullification and impairment of the benefits of Thailand under these and other related Agreements under the WTO.