

**TURKEY – RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF  
TEXTILE AND CLOTHING PRODUCTS**

Communication from Turkey

The following communication, dated 15 December 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of Turkey.

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Further to our statement submitted during the Dispute Settlement Body meeting of 19 November 1999, on the adoption of the report of the Appellate Body (WT/DS34/AB/R) and Report of the Panel (WT/DS34/R) regarding "Turkey – Restrictions on Imports of Textile and Clothing Products", we hereby inform the Dispute Settlement Body that pursuant to Article 21.3 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), it is Turkey's intention to meet its obligations under the WTO with respect to this subject matter.

We would like to also state that Turkey will require a reasonable period of time to do so in view of the complexity of the matter and also because the process for implementation will require decisions to be taken jointly with the European Communities in accordance with Turkey's legal obligations and commitments within the framework of the customs union with the European Communities, which entered into force on 1 January 1996.

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