

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROTOCOL MAINTAINING IN FORCE  
THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES (MFA)

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In view of the expiry of the MFA on 31 December 1993 and since the Uruguay Round agreement on textiles is not expected to enter into force until 1 January 1995, the GATT Textiles Committee decided on 9 December 1993 to extend the MFA for a period of 12 months from 1 January to 31 December 1994. This decision is in accordance with the negotiating directives that the Commission received from the Council on 2 December 1993.
2. The Commission therefore proposes that the Council approve the decision concluding the Protocol maintaining in force the MFA for 1994 on behalf of the Community.

## PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

on the conclusion of the Protocol maintaining in force the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (MFA)

**THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,**

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 and Article 228(2),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Commission took part, on behalf of the Community, in the negotiations on the maintenance in force of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (MFA);<sup>1</sup>

Whereas these negotiations led to the establishment of a Protocol maintaining in force the MFA for a further period of 12 months until 31 December 1994;

Whereas this Protocol should be approved on behalf of the European Community,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### Article 1

The Protocol maintaining in force the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, which was adopted by the GATT Textiles Committee on 9 December 1993, is hereby approved on behalf of the European Community.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

### Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to notify acceptance of the Protocol on behalf of the European Community, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Protocol.

Done at Brussels,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 341, 4.12.1986, p. 34.

9 December 1993

PROTOCOL MAINTAINING IN FORCE THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

The PARTIES to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as "the Arrangement" or "MFA"),

ACTING pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article 10 of the Arrangement,

REAFFIRMING that the terms of the Arrangement regarding the competence of the Textiles Committee and the Textiles Surveillance Body are maintained, and

FOLLOWING the Decision of the Textiles Committee adopted on 9 December 1993

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

1. The Arrangement, including the Conclusions of the Textiles Committee, adopted on 31 July 1986, as amended by the 1989 Protocol Amending the 1986 Protocol Extending the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, shall be maintained in force for a further period of twelve months until 31 December 1994.
2. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. It shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by the Parties to the Arrangement, by other governments accepting or acceding to the Arrangement pursuant to the provisions of Article 13 thereof and by the European Community.
3. This Protocol shall enter into force with effect from 1 January 1994 for the parties which have accepted it by that date and it shall enter into force for a party which accepts it on a later date as of the date of such acceptance. It shall be applied provisionally, taking into account their constitutional and/or legislative procedures for ratification, as from 1 January 1994, by parties which have signed it subject to completion of constitutional procedures, or notified the depositary of their intention to apply it provisionally, by that date, and by other parties from the date of their signature or notification of provisional application.

DONE at Geneva this ninth day of December one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three in a single copy, in the English, French and Spanish languages, each text being authentic.

9 December 1993

**DECISION BY THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE TO MAINTAIN IN FORCE  
THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES  
FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS**

**1.1.94 TO 31.12.94**

1. The Textiles Committee met on 9 December 1993 to resume the discussion that it had begun at its meeting on 9 December 1992 on the future of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA), in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.5 of the Arrangement.
2. The Committee decided to maintain in force the existing MFA, as extended by the 1986 Protocol, and as maintained in force by the 1992 Protocol, for a further period of 12 months from 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1994 in view of the fact that the Uruguay Round has not been completed.
3. The Committee reaffirmed the Conclusions of the Textiles Committee adopted on 31 July 1986 and the obligations contained therein.
4. As to the necessary legal steps in this regard, the Textiles Committee drew up the attached text of a Protocol Maintaining in Force the MFA for a further period of 12 months. The Protocol would enter into force on 1 January 1994.

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