

**CONCLUSIONS OF THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE
ADOPTED ON 22 DECEMBER 1981**

1. The participants in the Arrangement exchanged views regarding the future of the Arrangement.
2. All participants saw mutual co-operation as the foundation of the Arrangement and as the basis for dealing with problems in a way which would promote the aims and objectives of the MFA. Participants emphasized that the primary aims of the MFA are to ensure the expansion of trade in textile products, particularly for the developing countries, and progressively to achieve the reduction of trade barriers and the liberalization of world trade in textile products while, at the same time, avoiding disruptive effects in individual markets and on individual lines of production in both importing and exporting countries. In this context, it was reiterated that a principal aim in the implementation of the Arrangement is to further the economic and social development of developing countries and to secure a substantial increase in their export earnings from textile products and to provide scope for a greater share for them in world trade in these products.
3. Members of the Textiles Committee recognized that there continued to be a tendency for an unsatisfactory situation to exist in world trade in textile products, and that such a situation, if not satisfactorily dealt with, could work to the detriment of countries participating in international trade in textile products, whether as importers or exporters or both. This situation could adversely affect prospects for international co-operation in the trade field and could have unfortunate repercussions on trade relations in general, and the trade of developing countries in particular.
4. Attention was drawn to the fact that decline in the rate of growth of per capita consumption in textiles and in clothing is an element which may be relevant to the recurrence or exacerbation of a situation of market disruption. Attention was also drawn to the fact that domestic markets may be affected by elements such as technological changes and changes in consumer preference. In this connexion it was recalled that the appropriate factors for the determination of a situation of market disruption as referred to in the Arrangement are listed in Annex A.
5. It was agreed that any serious problems of textile trade falling within the purview of the Arrangement should be resolved through consultations and negotiations conducted under the relevant provisions thereof.
6. The Committee noted the important rôle of and the goodwill expressed by certain exporting participants now predominant in the exporting of textile products in all three fibres covered by the Arrangement in finding and contributing to mutually acceptable solutions to particular problems relative to particularly large restraint levels arising out of the application of the Arrangement as extended by the Protocol.