



**General Council Meeting: 31 July 2002**  
**Agenda item 14: Paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 of the Doha Implementation**  
**Decisions**

**Statement by Thailand (also on behalf of Indonesia)**

Mr. Chairman,

I speak on behalf of Indonesia as well as our own delegation.

The Doha Ministerial had provided the CTG with a rather straightforward mandate. It had asked the CTG, firstly, to examine the two proposals that have been the subject of discussions for quite some time and, secondly, to make recommendations to this Council by 31 July 2002 for appropriate action.

We are disappointed that the CTG has not been enabled to fulfill its mandate on either the examination of the proposals or on making any recommendations to this Council. We regret to be faced with this situation, which is due to an inflexible approach adopted by the major developed Members.

It is universally recognized, both in this house and outside, that the implementation of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing has not lived up to its billing. In this regard, I need not rehearse the points that have been made all so comprehensively by a number of developing countries as well as impartial outside observers.

It cannot be denied that while, on the one hand, the large bulk of quota restrictions still remains in place even after the passage of 7 years of the ATC implementation period, there have been a number of instances in which the rights due to developing restrained Members have not been faithfully delivered.

In short, Mr. Chairman, the facts speak for themselves. ATC's promise to developing countries has not been delivered. On the contrary, there is ample evidence that the manner in which the restraining Members have been implementing the ATC has led to a situation of serious imbalance, to the disadvantage of restrained developing Members. We have not heard any convincing reasons from the restraining Members that could justify this imbalance.

Under these circumstances, we are disappointed that the CTG has been kept from concluding its examination of the proposals and from making recommendations to this Council. It is a worrying development. This Council should now consider how to deal with the situation. We believe that it is important for it to do so, to do justice to the mandate given by Ministers in Doha.