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We are pleased to inform you that the government of Mauritius has formally petitioned the Director-General of the WTO to hold an emergency meeting to review the impact of the 2005 textile & apparel quota elimination.

Obviously, this is a major development in the effort to define a solution to the pending crisis in our sector. However, it is critical that we gather as much support for the Mauritian letter as possible. We encourage you to undertake the following steps.

Immediately contact your respective governments and request that they express tangible support for the Mauritian effort to convene an emergency meeting.

It is vital that as many individual governments as possible contact the WTO Director-General Supachai stating their support of the Mauritian request.

Written letters of support will help demonstrate to other governments that this movement is strong and the call for action can no longer be ignored.

It is also important that you let us know whether your government agrees to express support for the Mauritian request.

Secondly, hold a press conference in your country in the very near future to reiterate your demand for action to resolve this crisis. We suggest, all partners making the following key points during your press conference.

- Note the Mauritian letter and the fact that the WTO has now been formally petitioned to hold an emergency meeting.
- Call on your individual government to take a strong stand in support of the emergency WTO session to review this matter.

- Call on specific governments such as the United States to take steps necessary to ensure that important markets like the U.S. are not monopolized by one or two exporting countries beginning in 2005.
- Demand that the world trading community find a solution to the 2005 crisis prior to loss of millions of jobs in various countries around the globe.

For your information, we plan to hold a press conference in the United States on this matter on July 21st Wednesday in Washington DC.

We will keep you advised of developments from our end.

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