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<u>Invocation by El Salvador of Article XIII of the Marrakesh Agreement</u> <u>Establishing the World Trade Organization with Respect to China</u>

The following communication, dated 5 November 2001, from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the Director-General, is circulated to the Ministerial Conference.

I have the honour to address you in connection with the accession of the People's Republic of China to the World Trade Organization.

In this regard, I would like to inform you that, pursuant to Article XIII of the Marrakesh Agreement, my Government has decided that it will not apply the multilateral trade agreements between El Salvador and the People's Republic of China if China accedes to the Organization.

I would be grateful if this decision could be communicated to the Ministerial Conference.