

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ADMISSION OF MAURITIUS AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

On 4 April 1968, the Government of the United Kingdom advised that on 12 March 1968 Mauritius acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the United Kingdom Government has established the fact that the State of Mauritius was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party.

The Government of Mauritius has been applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis, pursuant to the Recommendation of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 11 November 1967, and has now advised by a communication dated 17 August 1970 that it wishes to be deemed a contracting party to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). Since the conditions required by Article XXVI:5(c) have been met, Mauritius has become a contracting party; its rights and obligations date from 12 March 1968.