

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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ADMISSION OF MOZAMBIQUE AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/4388 of 31 August 1976 the contracting parties were informed by the Government of Portugal that Mozambique had acquired full autonomy for its external commercial relations. Thus, the fact that Mozambique was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party had been established.

The Government of Mozambique has been applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis, pursuant to the Recommendations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 18 November 1960 and of 11 November 1967. On 27 July 1992 the Government advised me that it wished to be deemed a contracting party to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c)¹. Since the conditions required by Article XXVI:5(c) have been met, Mozambique has become a contracting party; its rights and obligations date from 25 June 1975.

Extracts of the communication from Mozambique

(i) Mozambique achieved its political independence from Portugal on 25 June 1975, and since then the country maintain a de facto application of the GATT principles;

(ii) Mozambique is a member of the Customs Cooperation Council since 1987, and we believe that this circumstance would permit more benefits to the country with Mozambique's participation in a multilateral trading system such as GATT;

(iii) Since 1987, Mozambique adopted an Economic and Social Recovery Programme, which has the financial support of international financial institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and bilateral donors. The Programme has encouraging results despite the fact that the country has been at war for over 25 years.

(iv) Finally, Mozambique adopted the open market economy, formally, last year.

¹See extracts.