

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

# TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

L/7081

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Limited Distribution

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## ADMISSION OF NAMIBIA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

### Certification by the Director-General

In document L/6669 of 20 April 1990 the contracting parties were informed by the Government of South Africa that on 21 March 1990 South West Africa had acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external relations and of the other matters provided for in the General Agreement and was now known as Namibia. Thus, the fact that Namibia was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party had been established.

The Government of Namibia 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 15 September 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). Since the conditions required by Article XXVI:5(c) have been met, Namibia has become a contracting party on 15 September 1992; its rights and obligations date from 21 March 1990.

A new Schedule XC relating to Namibia and comprising the concessions specified in Schedule XVIII-South Africa will formally be established through the procedure of certification of modifications and rectifications relating to schedules to the General Agreement.