GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

<u>RESTRICTED</u> L/7166 12 January 1993 Limited Distribution

TARIFFS AND TRADE

ADMISSION OF MALI AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/1251 of 13 July 1960 contracting parties were informed by the Government of France that the Republic of Mali had acquired on 20 June 1960 full autonomy in the conduct of its external relations and of the other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the French Government established the fact that Mali was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party.

The Government of Mali has been applying the General Agreement on a $\underline{de \ facto}$ basis, pursuant to the Recommendations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 18 November 1960 and of 11 November 1967. On 11 January 1993 the Government of Mali 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 this Article have been met, Mali has become a contracting party on 11 January 1993; its rights and obligations date from 20 June 1960.

The concessions specified in Section C of Schedule XI-France will henceforth comprise a new Schedule XCIV relating to Mali and formal provision for the establishment of this schedule will be made through the procedure for certification of modifications and rectifications relating to schedules to the General Agreement.