

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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26 April 1993

Limited Distribution

ADMISSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/4795 of 25 April 1979, contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that the customs territory of Dominica had, on 3 November 1978, become independent as the Commonwealth of Dominica, and had thus acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the fact that the Commonwealth of Dominica was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica 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 20 April 1993, the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica communicated to me its decision to become 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, the Commonwealth of Dominica has become a contracting party on 20 April 1993; its rights and obligations date from 3 November 1978.