

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### ADMISSION OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

#### Certification by the Director-General

In document L/4874 of 14 November 1979, contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that the Associated State of St. Vincent had on 27 October 1979, become independent under the name of St. Vincent and the Grenadines 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 St. Vincent and the Grenadines was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has been applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis, pursuant to recommendations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 18 November 1960 and of 11 November 1967. On 18 May 1993 the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines 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, St. Vincent and the Grenadines have become a contracting party on 18 May 1993; its rights and obligations date from 27 October 1979.