

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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ADMISSION OF BAHRAIN AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/3572 of 13 September 1971, contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that Bahrain had as from 15 August 1971 acquired full autonomy in the conduct of her external commercial relations and other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the fact that Bahrain was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of Bahrain 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 13 December 1993, the Government of Bahrain 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, Bahrain has become a contracting party on 13 December 1993, its rights and obligations date from 15 August 1971.