

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
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ADMISSION OF GUINEA-BISSAN AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/4388 of 31 August 1976 contracting parties were informed by the Government of Portugal that as a result of its accession to independence the custom-territory of Guinea-Bissan acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the fact that Guinea-Bissan was qualified in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of Guinea-Bissan has since 10 September 1974 (BISD 23/6) 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 7 March 1994 the Government of Guinea-Bissan 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, Guinea-Bissan has become a contracting party on 17 March 1994; its rights and obligations date from 10 September 1974.