

**GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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ADMISSION OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

CERTIFICATION BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

In document L/5550 of 10 October 1983 contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom, that on 19 September 1983 Saint Kitts (Saint Christopher) and Nevis became independent. Saint Kitts and Nevis thus acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the fact that Saint Kitts and Nevis was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis 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 24 March 1994 the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis submitted to me its Instrument of Accession to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). Since the conditions required by this Article have been met, Saint Kitts and Nevis has become a contracting party on 24 March 1994; its rights and obligations date from 19 September 1983.