

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF QATAR AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/3588 of 1 October 1971 contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that on 3 September 1971 the State of Qatar acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the fact that the State of Qatar was qualified in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of the State of Qatar 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 7 April 1994 the Government of the State of Qatar communicated its decision to become a contracting party to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). Since the conditions required by the Article have been met, the State of Qatar has become a contracting party on 7 April 1994, its rights and obligations date from 3 September 1971.