

**GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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**STATUS OF DJIBOUTI**

**DE FACTO APPLICATION OF THE GATT**

On 19 May 1994, the Director-General received a communication from the Government of France confirming that on 27 June 1977 the Territory of the Afars and Issas became independent under the name of the Republic of Djibouti and thus acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and other matters provided for in the General Agreement.

Accordingly, the Recommendation of 11 November 1967 (BISD Fifteenth Supplement page 64) providing for the de facto application of the GATT as between contracting parties and a territory which acquired autonomy, is applicable in respect of Djibouti.