

# **GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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## ADMISSION OF GUINEA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

### Certification by the Director-General

In document L/7497 of 29 June 1994, contracting parties were informed by the Government of France that Guinea had as from 2 October 1958 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 was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of Guinea 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 8 December 1994, the Government of Guinea 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 has become a contracting party on 8 December 1994, its rights and obligations dating from 2 October 1958.

The concessions specified in Section C of Schedule XI-France will henceforth comprise a new Schedule CXXXVI relating to Guinea and formal provision for the establishment of this schedule will be made through the procedure for certification of modifications and rectifications relating to schedules to the General Agreement.