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ADMISSION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/4224 of 22 September 1975, contracting parties were informed by the Government of Australia that Papua New Guinea had as from 16 September 1975 acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the fact that Papua New Guinea was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of Papua New 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 16 December 1994, the Government of Papua New 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, Papua New Guinea has become a contracting party on 16 December 1994, its rights and obligations dating from 16 September 1975.