

Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization

Done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994

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Text: WTO Treaty Series No. 1,¹¹ GATT Publication VI-1994, [Let/1942](#),¹² [WT/Let/15](#),¹³
[WT/Let/38](#),¹⁴ [WT/Let/42](#),¹⁵ [WT/Let/104](#),¹⁶ [WT/Let/147](#),¹⁷ [WT/Let/371](#),¹⁸ [WT/Let/986](#),¹⁹
[WT/Let/1157](#)²⁰

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¹⁰ [WT/Let/1](#).

¹¹ WTO Treaty Series No. 1 comprises volumes 1-34 of the Legal Instruments Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations Done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994.

¹² An error in the numbering of the footnotes to the authentic French text of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization was rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 4 November 1994 ([Let/1928](#); [Let/1942](#)).

¹³ Typographical errors in the authentic text of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing were rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 10 April 1995 ([WT/Let/9](#); [WT/Let/15](#)).

¹⁴ A mistake in the signature page in the certified copies of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization circulated on 4 July 1994, concerning the Dominican Republic, was rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 8 November 1995 ([WT/Let/37](#); [WT/Let/38](#)).

¹⁵ A typographical error in a footnote to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 was rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 6 December 1995 ([WT/Let/35](#); [WT/Let/42](#)).

¹⁶ Participants in the discussions on Trade in Pharmaceutical Products during the Uruguay Round requested a rectification to the effect that the relevant authentic text should not be considered as part of the Marrakesh Protocol. The Marrakesh Protocol was rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 13 August 1996 ([WT/Let/83](#); [WT/Let/104](#)).

¹⁷ A technical error in the Spanish version of the authentic text of the Interpretative Note to Article 1 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994 was rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 29 June 1997 ([WT/Let/142](#); [WT/Let/147](#)).

¹⁸ The authentic text of paragraph (b) of Annex VII of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures was rectified to include Honduras as an eligible developing country WTO Member through a *procès-verbal* done on 20 January 2001 ([WT/Let/366](#); [WT/Let/371](#)).

¹⁹ Technical errors in the Spanish and English versions of the authentic text of Article 8.1(b)(iv) of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994 were rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 27 August 2014 ([WT/Let/980](#); [WT/Let/986](#)).

²⁰ A technical error in the Spanish version of the rectified text of the same provision was further rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 9 May 2016 ([WT/Let/1126](#); [WT/Let/1157](#)).

Relevant clauses

Article I

Establishment of the Organization

The World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the WTO") is hereby established.

Article II

Scope of the WTO

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2. The agreements and associated legal instruments included in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 (hereinafter referred to as "Multilateral Trade Agreements") are integral parts of this Agreement, binding on all Members.

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Article XI

Original Membership

1. The contracting parties to GATT 1947 as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and the European Communities, which accept this Agreement and the Multilateral Trade Agreements and for which Schedules of Concessions and Commitments are annexed to GATT 1994 and for which Schedules of Specific Commitments are annexed to GATS shall become original Members of the WTO.

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Article XII

Accession

1. Any State or separate customs territory possessing full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for in this Agreement and the Multilateral Trade Agreements may accede to this Agreement, on terms to be agreed between it and the WTO. Such accession shall apply to this Agreement and the Multilateral Trade Agreements annexed hereto.

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Article XIV

Acceptance, Entry into Force and Deposit

1. This Agreement shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by contracting parties to GATT 1947, and the European Communities, which are eligible to become original Members of the WTO in accordance with Article XI of this Agreement. Such acceptance shall apply to this Agreement and the Multilateral Trade Agreements annexed hereto. This Agreement and the Multilateral Trade Agreements annexed hereto shall enter into force on the date determined by Ministers in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Final Act Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations and shall remain open for acceptance for a period of two years following that date unless the Ministers decide otherwise.²¹ An acceptance following the entry into force of this Agreement shall enter into force on the 30th day following the date of such acceptance.

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3. Until the entry into force of this Agreement, the text of this Agreement and the Multilateral Trade Agreements shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT 1947. ... This Agreement and the Multilateral Trade Agreements, and any amendments thereto, shall, upon the entry into force of this Agreement, be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO.

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²¹ [PC/M/10](#), paragraphs 4-5, and [WT/Let/1](#). However, the 1994 Agreement on Government Procurement did not enter into force until 1 January 1996. Article XXIV:1 of the 1994 Agreement on Government Procurement ([WT/Let/2](#)).

Article XVI

Miscellaneous Provisions

5. No reservations may be made in respect of any provision of this Agreement. Reservations in respect of any of the provisions of the Multilateral Trade Agreements may only be made to the extent provided for in those Agreements. Reservations in respect of a provision of a Plurilateral Trade Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of that Agreement.

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