

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

ADMISSION OF MALDIVES AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/2673 of 12 July 1966 the contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that on 26 July 1965 the Maldives had acquired full autonomy for their external commercial relations. Thus, the fact that the Maldives were qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party had been established.

The Government of the Maldives has been applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis, pursuant to the Recommendations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 18 November 1960 and of 11 November 1967. On 19 April 1983 the Government advised me that it wished to be deemed a contracting party to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). Since the conditions required by Article XXVI:5(c) have been met, the Republic of Maldives has become a contracting party; its rights and obligations date from 26 July 1965.

The Government of the Maldives also declared its acceptance of the Protocol Amending the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to introduce a Part IV on Trade and Development, done at Geneva on 8 February 1965.