

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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ADMISSION OF BELIZE AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/5235 of 6 November 1981 the contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that on 21 September 1981 Belize had acquired full autonomy for its external commercial relations. Thus, the fact that Belize was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party had been established.

The Government of Belize 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 7 October 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, Belize has become a contracting party; its rights and obligations date from 21 September 1981.

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