

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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L/6211

9 September 1987

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Limited Distribution

ADMISSION OF BOTSWANA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/2700 of 28 October 1966 the contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that on 30 September 1966 Botswana had acquired full autonomy for its external commercial relations. Thus, the fact that Botswana was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party had been established.

The Government of Botswana 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 28 August 1987 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, Botswana has become a contracting party; its rights and obligations date from 30 September 1966.