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STATUS OF NAMIBIA

De Facto Application of the GATT

The following communication from the Permanent Representative of South Africa was received by the Director-General on 11 April 1990.

I have the honour to inform you that on 21 March 1990 South West Africa acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external relations and of the other matters provided for in the General Agreement, and is now known as the Republic of Namibia.

The Republic of Namibia has applied to accede to the Southern African Customs Union Agreement, which comprises South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

Accordingly, the Recommendation of 11 November 1967 (BISD, Fifteenth Supplement, page 64), providing for the de facto application of the GATT as between the contracting parties and a territory which acquires autonomy, is applicable in respect of the Republic of Namibia.