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DE FACTO STATUS AND SUCCESSION: ARTICLE XXVI.5(c)

Note by the Secretariat

At the fifth meeting of the Group the secretariat was asked to provide any available information on the duration of de facto application of the GATT by countries which have subsequently succeeded to the status of contracting parties under Article XXVI.5(c). The table below lists the contracting parties which have succeeded to GATT under the provisions of Article XXVI.5(c). It also shows in each case the date on which "full autonomy in the conduct of its external relations and of the other matters provided for in this Agreement" was acquired and the date of succession as a contracting party.

The legal aspects of de facto application of the General Agreement are analysed in a secretariat note of 28 June 1984 on "De Facto Application of the General Agreement" (C/130). See also MTN.GNG/NG7/W/31.

Contracting party	Date of de facto status	Date of admission by declaration/certification	Time-lag (in months)
Indonesia	27 December '49	24 February '50	2
Ghana	6 March '57	17 October '57	7 ¹ / ₄
Malaysia	31 August '57	24 October '57	2
Nigeria	1 October '60	18 November '60	1 ¹ / ₂
Sierra Leone	27 April '61	19 May '61	3 ¹ / ₄
Trinidad and Tobago	31 August '62	23 October '62	1 ³ / ₄
Uganda	9 October '62	23 October '62	1 ¹ / ₂
Cameroon	1 January '60	3 May '63	40
Burkina Faso	5 August '60	3 May '63	33

Contracting party	Date of de facto status	Date of admission by declaration/certification	Time-lag (in months)
Central African Rep.	14 August '60	3 May '63	32 ^{1/2}
Congo	15 August '60	3 May '63	32 ^{1/2}
Gabon	17 August '60	3 May '63	32 ^{1/2}
Kuwait	19 June '61	3 May '63	22 ^{1/2}
Chad	11 August '60	12 July '63	34 ^{1/2}
Cyprus	16 August '60	15 July '63	34 ^{1/2}
Benin	1 August '60	12 September '63	37 ^{1/2}
Senegal	20 June '60	27 September '63	39 ^{1/4}
Madagascar	25 June '60	30 September '63	39
Mauritania	28 November '60	30 September '63	34
Niger	3 August '60	31 December '63	41
Côte d'Ivoire	7 August '60	31 December '63	40 ^{3/4}
Jamaica	6 August '62	31 December '63	16 ^{3/4}
Kenya	12 December '63	5 February '64	2
Togo	27 April '60	20 March '64	46 ^{3/4}
Malawi	6 July '64	28 August '64	1 ^{1/2}
Malta	21 September '64	17 November '64	1 ^{3/4}
The Gambia*	18 February '65	22 February '65	1 ^{1/4}
Burundi	1 July '62	13 March '65	32 ^{1/2}
Rwanda	1 July '62	1 January '66	42
Guyana	26 May '66	5 July '66	1 ^{1/4}
Barbados	30 November '66	15 February '67	2 ^{1/2}
Mauritius	12 March '68	2 September '70	29 ^{1/2}
Singapore	9 August '65	20 August '73	95 ^{1/4}
Suriname	25 November '75	22 March '78	28
Zambia	24 October '64	10 February '82	207 ^{1/2}
Maldives	26 July '65	19 April '83	212 ^{3/4}

Contracting party	Date of de facto status	Date of admission by declaration/certification	Time-lag (in months)
Belize	21 September '81	7 October '83	24 ¹ / ₂
Antigua and Barbuda	1 November '81	30 March '87	65
Botswana	30 September '66	28 August '87	251
Lesotho**	4 October '66	8 January '88	288

*Minimum time-lag

**Maximum time-lag

Average time-lag: (three years and four and a quarter months)

If Singapore, Zambia, Maldives, Botswana and Lesotho are taken out, then the average time-lag works out at one year and eleven months.