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Committee on Trade and Development

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**NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT**

<b>1. Member(s) notifying:</b> El Salvador
<b>2. Date of notification:</b> 27 November 2013
<b>3. Notification pursuant to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994 <input type="checkbox"/> Article V:7(a) of GATS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paragraph 4(a) of the Enabling Clause
<b>4. Parties to the Agreement:</b> Cuba and El Salvador
<b>5. Date of signature:</b> 19 September 2011
<b>6. Date(s) of entry into Force:</b> 1 August 2012  Partial Scope Agreement between El Salvador and Cuba, Executive Decision No. 568 and Legislative Decree No. 1031, published in Official Journal No. 76, Volume No. 395, of 26 April 2012.
<b>7. Brief description of the Agreement:</b>  The Agreement covers provisions that will improve trade relations in respect of tariff preferences, rules of origin, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, trade defence, dispute settlement, and trade cooperation. It also establishes the institutions in charge of administering the Agreement and their responsibilities.  <u>The Agreement has the following objectives:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To strengthen existing trade relations between the Parties through the granting of tariff preferences and the elimination of non-tariff restrictions in bilateral trade, with a view to creating and increasing, on a predictable, transparent and permanent basis, trading opportunities for the Parties through the complementarity of their two economies.</li><li>• To set up trade promotion and information programmes, thus facilitating official and private trade missions and the organization of trade fairs, exhibitions, information seminars, market research and other activities aimed at the improved utilization of tariff preferences and trade opportunities.</li></ul>

- The Parties to the Agreement recognize the importance of scientific and technological cooperation, innovation, and the transfer of knowledge for furthering social and economic development. Accordingly, they will promote the training of specialists, the sharing of information and experiences relating to scientific research, mutual assistance for technological development, productivity and other aspects, while fostering the creation of strategic alliances between public and private entities for these and other activities in sectors of interest to them.

**8. Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:**

submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)

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