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Addendum

Communication from Swaziland

The following Statement under Article 15, paragraph 2 of the Agreement has been received from the Government of <u>the Kingdom of Swaziland</u>.

- 1. Pursuant to Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland would like to inform the Committee of the measures being taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement as follows:
- 2. A legal framework for the establishment of a standards body is under way and is expected to be in place in January 1998. In the meantime, a Quality Assurance Unit in the Ministry of Enterprise and Employment has been charged with the task of initiating and coordinating all matters related to standardization and conformity assessment.
- 3. Swaziland intends, as practicable as possible, to adopt International Standards and shall pay special attention to the requirements of the Agreement on TBT as regards standards and conformity assessment.
- 4. The Enquiry Point of Swaziland is:

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All Government Ministries and Departments responsible for the adoption of Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessments Procedures have been made aware of the requirements of the Agreement on TBT.