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ACCESSION OF LITHUANIA

Communication from Lithuania

The following communication, dated 2 February 1995, has been received from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania.

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On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, I hereby request the General Council to initiate the process of accession of the Republic of Lithuania to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in pursuance of Article XII of the Agreement establishing the WTO.

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Having regard to the Decision adopted by the General Council on 31 January 1995, the Working Party on the Accession of Lithuania to the GATT 1947 has been transformed into a WTO Accession Working Party and the Government of Lithuania will have observer status in the General Council and its subsidiary bodies. The terms of reference of the Working Party are reproduced on the following page.

WORKING PARTY ON THE ACCESSION OF LITHUANIA

Chairman: Pending

Membership:

The membership is open to all Members indicating their wish to serve on the Working Party.

Terms of Reference:

To examine the application of the Government of Lithuania to accede to the World Trade Organization under Article XII, and to submit to the General Council recommendations which may include a draft Protocol of Accession.