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MARRAKESH AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION DONE AT MARRAKESH ON 15 APRIL 1994

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

COMMUNICATION FROM MAURITIUS AND MYANMAR

I have the honour to inform you that on 7 April 1995 the Government of <u>El Salvador</u> deposited with me an instrument of ratification of the above-mentioned Agreement, thereby recognizing as fully binding the signature affixed by its plenipotentiary on 15 April 1994. The instrument of ratification was accompanied by the following communication:

"The Government of El Salvador, in exercise of its rights under Part III, SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT, paragraph 1 of Article 20 of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, officially notifies its decision to delay application of the provisions of the above-mentioned Agreement for a period of five years.

Furthermore, the Government of El Salvador, availing itself of its rights under paragraph 2 of Article 20, officially notifies its decision to delay application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for a period of three years from the date of application of all other provisions of the above-mentioned Agreement.

The Government of El Salvador reserves the right to provide that the relevant provision of Article 4 of the Agreement shall apply only when the Customs authorities agree to the request to reverse the order of Articles 5 and 6 (Annex III, paragraph 3).

Likewise, the Government of El Salvador reserves the right to provide that paragraph 2 of Article 5 of the Agreement shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of the relevant note thereto whether or not the importer so requests (Annex III, paragraph 4)."

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The following communication was also received from the Government of El Salvador:

"The Government of the Republic of El Salvador, in accordance with Footnote 5 to paragraph 2 of Article 2, AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING, hereby officially notifies the Committee on Import Licensing of its decision to delay the application of subparagraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) of the above-mentioned paragraph for a period of two years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for El Salvador."

In terms of Article XIV, paragraph 1, El Salvador shall become a Member of the World Trade Organization on 7 May 1995 and in terms of Article XI, paragraph 1, El Salvador shall be deemed an original Member of the World Trade Organization.

I also have the honour to inform you that I have received the following communication from the Government of Mauritius:

"I am directed to inform you that the Government of Mauritius has decided to take advantage of the provision of Article 20.1 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994 on the rules of Customs valuation with a view to delaying the application of the said Agreement."

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that I have received the following communication from the Government of <u>Myanmar</u>:

"The Government of the Union of Myanmar wishes to delay application of certain requirements linked to automatic licensing procedures for two years under Footnote 5 to Article 2:2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures."

This notification is furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article XIV of the Agreement.

Peter D. Sutherland Director-General