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

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BURKINA FASO AND CUBA

I have the honour to inform you that on the dates indicated I received instruments of ratification of the above-mentioned Agreement from the following Governments, thereby recognizing as fully binding the signatures affixed by their plenipotentiaries on 15 April 1994:

	<u>Date of acceptance</u>	<u>Entry into force</u>
<u>Egypt</u>	31 May 1995	30 June 1995
The following communication was received from the Government of Egypt:		
"With reference to the special and differential treatment for developing members under the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation, Egypt wishes to make the following notification:		
- The application of all the provisions of the Agreement shall be delayed for a period of five years, in conformity with Article 21.1 of the Agreement.		
- The application of the provisions of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and 6, shall be delayed for a period of three years following the application of all other provisions of the Agreement.		
- At the same time the Government of Egypt reserves the right to:		
- Provide that the relevant provision of Article 4 of the Agreement shall		

	<u>Date of acceptance</u>	<u>Entry into force</u>
(Egypt cont'd)		
apply only when the customs authorities agree to the request to reverse the order of Article 5 and 6. - 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."		
<u>Poland</u>	1 June 1995	1 July 1995
The Polish instrument was accompanied by the following communication: "Market access commitments contained in Poland's Schedule attached to the Marrakesh Protocol and related to products not covered by the Agreement on Agriculture, are effectively applied by Poland since 1 January 1995."		
<u>Switzerland</u>	1 June 1995	1 July 1995
The Swiss instrument contained the following declaration: "1. Switzerland accords substantially the same treatment to its permanent residents as it accords to its nationals in respect of measures affecting trade in services. Switzerland assumes, in accordance with its laws and regulations, the same responsibilities with respect to its permanent residents as it bears with respect to its nationals.  2. In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 1 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Switzerland rejects the criterion of first fixation provided for in Article 5, paragraph 1(b) of the International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations, adopted on 26 October 1961. It will therefore apply the criterion of first publication."		

I also have the honour to inform you that on 31 May 1995 the above-mentioned Agreement entered into force for the following Governments, having been accepted by their Governments on the dates indicated, and after approval of their schedules on 31 May 1995:

Date of acceptance

Botswana

30 December 1994  
(Signature 27 December 1994)

Central African Republic

15 April 1994

The following communication has been received from the Government of the Central African Republic:  
"The Central African Republic is one of the member States which signed the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO) on 15 April 1994 at Marrakesh (Morocco).

The adoption of this text implies our automatic accession to the GATT Agreement on Customs Valuation, which in principle entered into force on 1 January 1995.

However, implementation of the text presupposes the establishment, internally, of a set of administrative, technical and legal measures, as well as training and information for officials and the various parties concerned.

As the Central African Republic has not yet implemented these instruments, and with reference to the provisions of Article 21 of the Agreement, I have the honour to request that it be granted a transitional period of five (5) years to enable it to launch an adequate programme of preparation."

Djibouti

30 March 1995

Guinea Bissau

15 April 1994

Lesotho

21 December 1994

Malawi

3 January 1995

Maldives

12 October 1994

Mali

15 April 1994

Mauritania

15 April 1994

Date of acceptanceTogo

19 April 1995  
(Signature 9 August 1994)

The following communication was received from the Government of Togo:

"The Government of the Togolese Republic wishes to avail itself of the following provisions of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries:

- paragraph 1 of Article 20 concerning the possibility of delaying application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five (5) years;
- paragraph 2 of Article 20 concerning the possibility of delaying the application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for a period of three years from the date when Togo shall have applied all other provisions of the Agreement.

The Government of the Togolese Republic also wishes to make the following reservations:

- under the terms of paragraph 2 of Annex III, the Government of the Togolese Republic intends to retain officially established minimum values;
- under the terms of paragraph 3 of Annex III, the Government of the Togolese Republic 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;
- under the terms of paragraph 4 of Annex III, the Government of the Togolese Republic 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;
- the Government of the Togolese Republic reserves the right to decide whether or not to have recourse to preshipment inspection as provided for in the relevant Agreement."

In terms of Article XI, paragraph 1, the foregoing Governments shall be deemed original Members of the World Trade Organization.

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that I have received the following communication from the Government of Burkina Faso:

"1. The Government of Burkina Faso wishes to delay the application of the Agreement and reserve its rights under the terms of the provisions relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Article 20 and paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Annex III of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Customs Valuation.

In addition, the Government of Burkina Faso wishes to avail itself of the possibility of making reservations on behalf of developing countries, as provided for in the World Trade Organization Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

To this end, the Government of Burkina Faso will delay for a period of two years the application of subparagraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) of Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, in accordance with footnote 5 of that Agreement."

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

"As a developing country and non-member of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of GATT 1947 (Customs Valuation), Cuba wishes to avail itself of the provisions of Article 20.1 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of GATT 1994, with the purpose of delaying the application of the provisions of this Agreement for a period of not more than five (5) years."

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

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