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

**ENTRY INTO FORCE
AND
NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCES**

Revision

I have the honour to inform you that on 1 January 1995 the above-mentioned Agreement entered into force having been accepted by the Governments listed below which, in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 1, have thereby become original Members of the World Trade Organization as from the date of its entry into force:

<u>Government</u>	<u>Date of Acceptance</u>
Antigua and Barbuda	15 April 1994
Argentina	29 December 1994
Australia	21 December 1994 - The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement: "Australia accords substantially the same treatment to its permanent residents as it accords to its nationals in respect of measures affecting trade in services. Australia 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."
Austria	6 December 1994 - The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement: "In view of Austria's forthcoming accession to the European Union the concessions under the WTO-Agreement will enter into force for Austria in parallel with the European Community."
Bahrain	27 July 1994

Bangladesh

15 April 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Bangladesh:

"Bangladesh wishes to avail itself of the following provisions of the Agreement on Customs Valuation relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries:

(1) Article 20, paragraph 1, delaying the application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years; and

(2) Article 20, paragraph 2, delaying the application of Article 1:2(b)(iii) and Article 6 for a period of three years following the application of all other provisions of the Agreement.

The Government of Bangladesh also wishes to make the following reservations:

(3) Under the terms of paragraph 2 of Annex III, Bangladesh wishes to make a reservation to enable her, in the absence of a dependable and satisfactory basis of valuing goods in the country, to retain the existing tariff value system of valuing goods (system of officially established minimum values) until the Agreement is fully applied by Bangladesh.

(4) Under the terms of paragraph 3 of Annex III, the Government of Bangladesh 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; and

(5) Under the terms of paragraph 4 of Annex III, the Government of Bangladesh 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 Bangladesh 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."

Barbados

15 April 1994

Belgium

30 December 1994

Belize

15 April 1994

Brazil	<p>21 December 1994</p> <p>- The following communication was received from the Government of Brazil:</p> <p>"Brazil intends to delay the application of sub-paragraphs 2(a)(ii) and 2(a)(iii) of Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures for a maximum of two years from its entry into force, as foreseen in footnote 5 of the Agreement."</p>
Brunei Darussalam	<p>16 November 1994</p>
Canada	<p>30 December 1994</p> <p>- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:</p> <p>"Canada accords substantially the same treatment to its permanent residents as it accords to its nationals in respect of measures affecting trade in services. Canada 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."</p>
Chile	<p>28 December 1994</p> <p>- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:</p> <p>"Chile wishes to avail itself of the provisions of Article 20.1, 20.2 and 20.3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and requests that it should dispose of the maximum possible time-limits provided for by this Article for the full application of obligations under the Agreement for developing countries.</p> <p>Likewise, if the case should arise, the Government of Chile wishes to avail itself of the provisions of Annex III, paragraph 2.</p> <p>The Government of Chile 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).</p> <p>The Government of Chile 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)".</p>
Costa Rica	<p>26 December 1994</p> <p>- The following communication was received from the Government of Costa Rica:</p> <p>"The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, availing itself of the provisions of Article 20, "Special and Differential Treatment", paragraph 1, of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, formally notifies its decision to delay the application of the provisions of the Agreement for five years.</p>

Likewise, the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, availing itself of the provisions of Article 20.2, formally notifies its decision to delay the application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for three years from the date of application of all other provisions of the Agreement.

The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica 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).

The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica 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).

The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, in accordance with footnote 5 of paragraph 2 of Article 2, "Import Licensing Procedures", formally notifies its decision to delay the application of sub-paragraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) for a period of two years."

Côte d'Ivoire

29 December 1994

- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:

"The Government of Côte d'Ivoire accepts the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and wishes to avail itself of the following special provisions 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 years, and
- paragraph 2 of Article 20 concerning the possibility of delaying application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for a period of three years from the date when Côte d'Ivoire shall have applied all other provisions of the Agreement.

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire also wishes to make the following reservations:

Paragraph 2, Annex III, concerning the reservation relating to retaining officially established minimum values:

- with regard to paragraph 3, Annex III, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire reserves the right to provide that the 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; and

- with regard to paragraph 4, Annex III, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire 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 following communication was received from the Government of Côte d'Ivoire: "The Government of Côte d'Ivoire wishes to avail itself of the following special provisions relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries:

Footnote 5 of Article 2.2, of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures allowing a developing country Member which was not a Party to the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures 1979 to delay the applications of sub-paragraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) by not more than two years.

Czech Republic 23 December 1994

Denmark 30 December 1994

Dominica 22 December 1994

European Community 30 December 1994

Finland 30 December 1994

France 30 December 1994

Gabon 15 April 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Gabon:

"The Government of Gabon wishes to avail itself of the following special provisions relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries:

Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994

- paragraph 1 of Article 20 concerning the possibility of delaying application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years, and
- 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 Gabon shall have applied all other provisions of the Agreement.

The Government of Gabon also wishes to make the following reservations:

Paragraph 2, Annex III, concerning the reservation relating to retaining officially established minimum values:

- with regard to paragraph 3, Annex III, the Government of Gabon reserves the right to provide that the 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; and
- with regard to paragraph 4, Annex III, the Government of Gabon 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.

Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures:

Footnote 5 of Article 2.2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures allowing a developing country Member which was not a Party to the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures 1979 to delay the applications of sub-paragraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) by not more than two years."

Germany 30 December 1994

Ghana 23 December 1994

- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:

"Ghana desires to delay application of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII of GATT 1994 (Customs Valuation) for a period of five years, effective 1 January 1995."

Greece 30 December 1994

Guyana 15 April 1994

Honduras 16 December 1994

- The following communication has been received from the Government of Honduras:

"The Government of the Republic of Honduras, availing itself of the provisions of Article 20, "Special and Differential Treatment", paragraph 1, of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, formally notifies its decision to delay the application of the provisions of the Agreement for five years.

Likewise, the Government of the Republic of Honduras, availing itself of the provisions of Article 20.2, formally notifies its decision to delay the application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for three years from the date of application of all other provisions of the Agreement.

The Government of the Republic of Honduras 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.

The Government of the Republic of Honduras 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 following communication was also received from the Government of Honduras:

"The Government of the Republic of Honduras, in accordance with footnote 5 of paragraph 2 of Article 2, "Import Licensing Procedures", formally notifies its decision to delay the application of sub-paragraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) for a period of two years."

Hong Kong

3 October 1994

Hungary

28 December 1994

Iceland

30 December 1994

India

30 December 1994

Indonesia

2 December 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Indonesia:

"Concerning special and differential treatment for developing country Members provided under the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994 (WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation) and the WTO Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, in accordance with those provisions, Indonesia would like to notify the invocation of delayed application and reservations concerning certain Agreements' articles set out below:

1. Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994 (WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation)

- a. Under Article 20.1: to delay application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years from the entry into force of the WTO.
- b. Under Article 20.2: to delay application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for a period of three years following their application.
- c. Under paragraph 2 of Annex III: to reserve the right to retain the system of officially established minimum values on a limited and transitional basis under such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the Committee.
- d. Under paragraph 3 of Annex III: to reserve the right to refuse request from the importer of reversal of the order of the fourth and fifth methods of valuation.
- e. Under paragraph 4 of Annex III: to reserve the right to value the goods under the provisions of Article 5.2 even if the goods have undergone further processing in the country of importation.

2. WTO Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

Under footnote 5 to Article 2.2: to delay for a period of two years certain requirements linked to automatic licensing procedures."

Ireland 30 December 1994

Italy 30 December 1994

Japan 27 December 1994

Kenya 23 December 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Kenya:

"Referring to provisions concerning special and differential treatment for developing Country Members, Kenya wishes to make notification as follows:

(1) Due to revenue considerations Kenya is still using the Brussels Definition of Value (BDV) Procedure when valuing imports for taxation purposes. The country would like to continue with this mode of valuation while looking into ways of smoothly adopting the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation. Hence Kenya would like to apply for delayed application of the

WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation as provided for in the Uruguay Round.

(2) Similarly, although Kenya has almost fully liberalized the import regime and has as a result removed import licensing requirement for most products, a number of products are still subject to health and environmental considerations. The Government would therefore like to apply for delayed application of WTO Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures in respect of these products."

The following communication was also received from the Government of Kenya:

"The Government of the Republic of Kenya wishes to reserve its right under the provision concerning Special and Differential Treatment for developing country Members under the WTO Agreement pursuant to the provision of Articles 20.1, 20.2, and paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Annex III to the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation and to delay the application of this Agreement accordingly."

Korea 30 December 1994

Kuwait 15 April 1994

Luxembourg 30 December 1994

Macau 23 December 1994

Malaysia 6 September 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Malaysia:

"Pursuant to Article 20 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994, the Government of Malaysia wishes to avail itself of the following provisions relating to the special and differential treatment for developing countries:

- Article 20, paragraph 1 - delaying application of the provision of the Agreement for a period of five years from 1 January 1995; and
- Article 20, paragraph 2 - delaying the application of Article 1, paragraph 2(b)(iii) and Article 6 for a period not exceeding three years following the application of all other provisions of the Agreement by Malaysia.

Further, the Government of Malaysia also wishes to make the following reservations:

- (i) Under the terms of paragraph 2 of Annex 3, Malaysia would wish to make a reservation concerning the retention of officially established minimum values;

(ii) Under the terms of paragraph 3 of Annex 3, Malaysia reserves the right 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; and

(iii) Under the terms of paragraph 4 of Annex 3, Malaysia reserves the right that Article 5, paragraph 2 of the Agreement shall be applied in accordance with the provision of the relevant note thereto whether or not the importer so requests.

In this connection, Malaysia requests the support of the Secretariat of the WTO in conformity with Article 20 paragraph 3 of the Agreement to obtain the necessary technical assistance in order to facilitate the implementation of the Agreement.

The Government of Malaysia wishes to notify that Malaysia has specific difficulties with the requirements of Article 2:2 sub-paragraphs a(ii) and a(iii) of the Agreement on Import Licensing. Malaysia will delay the application of these sub-paragraphs by not more than two years."

Malta

22 December 1994

- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:

"Malta 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 (WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation) relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries:

- Article 20, paragraph 1, delaying the application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years; and
- Article 20, paragraph 2, delaying the application of Article 1, paragraph 2(b)(iii) and Article 6 for a period of three years following the application of all other provisions of the Agreement by Malta.

The Government of Malta wishes to make the following reservations:

Under the terms of paragraph 2 of Annex III, Malta wishes to make a reservation concerning the retention of the officially established minimum values.

Under the terms of paragraph 3 of Annex III, Malta reserves the right to provide that the relevant provisions 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, Malta 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."

Mauritius

15 April 1994

- The following communication was received 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."

Mexico

31 August 1994

Morocco

15 April 1994

Myanmar

29 November 1994

- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:

"The Government of the Union of Myanmar 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:

- Article 20, paragraph 1, delaying the application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years; and
- Article 20, paragraph 2, delaying the application of Article 1:2(b)(iii) and Article 6 for a period of three years following the application of all other provisions of the Agreement by Myanmar.

The Government of the Union of Myanmar also wishes to make the following reservations:

- Under the terms of paragraph 2 of Annex III, the Government of the Union of Myanmar wishes to make a reservation concerning the retention of officially established minimum values;
- Under the terms of paragraph 3 of Annex III, the Government of the Union of Myanmar 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; and
- Under the terms of paragraph 4 of Annex III, the Government of the Union of Myanmar 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 following communication was also received from the Government of Myanmar:

"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."

Namibia 15 April 1994

Netherlands - For the 30 December 1994
Kingdom in Europe and
for the Netherlands Antilles

New Zealand 7 December 1994

- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:

"New Zealand accords substantially the same treatment to its permanent residents as it accords to its nationals in respect of measures affecting trade in services. In this context, New Zealand 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."

Nigeria 6 December 1994

Norway 7 December 1994

Pakistan 30 December 1994

- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:

"The Government of Pakistan wishes to avail itself of the following provisions relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries with regard to the Agreement on Customs Valuation:

- Article 20, paragraph 1, delaying the application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years; and
- Article 20, paragraph 2, delaying the application of Article 1:2(b)(iii) and Article 6 for a period of three years following the application of all other provisions of the Agreement by Pakistan.

The Government of Pakistan also wishes to make the following reservations:

- Under the terms of paragraph 2 of Annex III, the Government of Pakistan wishes to make a reservation concerning the retention of officially established minimum values;
- Under the terms of paragraph 3 of Annex III, the Government of Pakistan 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; and
- Under the terms of paragraph 4 of Annex III, the Government of Pakistan reserves the right to provide that Article 5.2 of the Agreement shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of the relevant note thereto whether or not the importer so requests."

Paraguay

30 November 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Paraguay:

"The Government of Paraguay wishes to invoke the following reservations established in favour of developing countries under the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994:

- (1) Article 20.1, delaying the application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years; and
- (2) Annex III.2, under which it is possible to retain officially established minimum values for the valuation of certain goods."

Peru

21 December 1994

Philippines

19 December 1994

- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:

"Upon entry into force for the Philippines of the WTO Agreement its application of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will be subject to the following reservations:

- Under the terms of Article 20.1, the Philippines as a developing country Member, shall delay application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five (5) years.
- Under the terms of Article 20.2, the Philippines shall delay the application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for a further period of three (3) years following its application of all other provisions of the Agreement.
- Under the terms of paragraph 2, Annex III, the Government of the Philippines wishes to make a

reservation concerning the retention of officially established minimum values.

- The Government of the Philippines 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.
- The Government of the Philippines 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."

Portugal 30 December 1994

Romania 23 December 1994

Saint Lucia 30 December 1994

Saint Vincent and
the Grenadines 28 December 1994

Senegal 29 December 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Senegal:

"The Government of Senegal has decided, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 to request that it be granted the special differential treatment for developing countries so as, firstly, to delay for five (5) years the application of the provisions of the Agreement and, secondly, to delay all the provisions relating to the application of Article 6 (Computed Value) for a period of three years."

Singapore 17 October 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Singapore:

"The Government of the Republic of Singapore wishes to delay application and to reserve its right under the provisions concerning special and differential treatment for developing country Members under the WTO Agreement, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 20.1, 20.2, and paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Annex III of the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation."

Slovak Republic 23 December 1994

South Africa 2 December 1994

Spain 30 December 1994

Sri Lanka	<p>6 July 1994</p> <p>- The following communication was received from the Government of Sri Lanka:</p> <p>" Sri Lanka will invoke the following under the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation:</p> <p>(1) Delayed application of all the provisions of the Agreement for five years from the date of entry into force of the WTO under Article 20.1 of the Agreement.</p> <p>(2) Delayed application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for three years following the application of all other provisions of the Agreement under Article 20.2 of the Agreement.</p> <p>(3) Reservation under paragraph 2 of Annex III of the Agreement.</p> <p>(4) Reservation under paragraph 3 of Annex III of the Agreement.</p> <p>(5) Reservation under paragraph 4 of Annex III of the Agreement.</p> <p>Sri Lanka 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."</p>
Suriname	15 April 1994
Swaziland	28 December 1994
Sweden	22 December 1994
Tanzania	6 September 1994
Thailand	<p>28 December 1994</p> <p>- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statement:</p> <p>"Thailand wishes to delay application and to reserve its rights under the provisions of special and differential treatment for developing countries under the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation and Import Licensing Procedures.</p> <p>Thailand 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 (WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation) relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries:</p>

- Article 20, paragraph 1, delaying the application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years; and
- Article 20, paragraph 2, delaying the application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for a period of three years following the application of all other provisions of the Agreement by Thailand.

The Government of Thailand also wishes to make the following reservations:

- Under the terms of paragraph 2 of Annex III, the Government of Thailand wishes to make a reservation concerning the retention of officially established minimum values;
- Under the terms of paragraph 3 of Annex III, the Government of Thailand reserves its right to provide that the relevant provision of Article 4 of the Agreement shall apply only when the customs authorities agree to request to reverse the order of Articles 5 and 6; and
- Under the terms of paragraph 4 of Annex III, the Government of Thailand reserves the right to provide that paragraph 2 of Article 5 of the Agreement shall be applied in accordance with the provision of the relevant note thereto whether or not the importer so requests."

Uganda 15 April 1994

United Kingdom 30 December 1994

United States 30 December 1994

Uruguay 29 December 1994

- The acceptance was accompanied by the following statements:

"Uruguay reserves the right to avail itself of all the rights, powers and possibilities relating to reservations, safeguards and other provisions established in the multilateral agreements so as to defend its national interests as necessary, taking into account its status as a developing country.

Uruguay will avail itself of the powers and possibilities to make reservations established in the framework of special and differential treatment for developing countries of the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

To this end, the Government of Uruguay:

- will delay application of the provisions of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994

(hereinafter the "Agreement") in accordance with Article 20:1 of the Agreement;

- will delay the application of the provisions of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 of the Agreement in accordance with Article 20:2 of the Agreement;
- reserves the right to retain the system of minimum official values for the valuation of goods in accordance with paragraph 2 of Annex III of the Agreement;
- 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;
- 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.

Uruguay will avail itself of the powers and possibilities to make reservations established in the framework of special and differential treatment for developing countries of the WTO Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

To this end, the Government of Uruguay will delay for a period of two years from the date of entry into force of the WTO the application of the sub-paragraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) of Article 2.2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, in accordance with footnote 5 of the same Agreement."

Venezuela

30 December 1994

- The following communication was received from the Government of Venezuela:

"The Government of Venezuela, availing itself of the provisions of Article 20, "Special and Differential Treatment" of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, formally notifies its decision to delay the application of the provisions of the Agreement for five years.

Likewise, the Government of Venezuela, availing itself of the provisions of Article 20, paragraph 2, of the said Agreement, formally notifies its decision to delay the application of paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Article 1 and Article 6 for three years from the date of application of all other provisions of the Agreement.

On the basis of paragraph 2 of Annex III, the Government of Venezuela makes a reservation with respect to the retention of officially established minimum values. Venezuela also 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. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Annex III, Venezuela 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 Venezuela, in accordance with footnote 5 of paragraph 2 of Article 2, "Import Licensing Procedures", formally notifies its decision to delay the application of subparagraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) for a period of two years."

Zambia

15 April 1994

I also have the honour to inform you that on the dates indicated I have 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> (Article XIV, paragraph 1)
Trinidad and Tobago	30 January 1995	1 March 1995
Zimbabwe	3 February 1995	5 March 1995
Dominican Republic - The following communication was received from the Government of the Dominican Republic:	7 February 1995	9 March 1995
<p>"The Government of the Dominican Republic wishes to delay and reserves its rights, under the provisions concerning special and differential treatment for developing countries Members under the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 20.1, 20.2 and para. 2, 3 and 4 of Annex 3 of the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation."</p>		
Jamaica - The following communication was received from the Government of Jamaica:	7 February 1995	9 March 1995
<p>"The Government of Jamaica wishes to delay application and to reserve its right under the provisions relating to</p>		

special and differential treatment for developing country members under the WTO Agreement, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 20.1, 20.2 and paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Annex III of the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994."

Turkey

24 February 1995 26 March 1995

- The following communication was received from the Government of Turkey:

"Turkey reserves the right to delay the application of sub-paragraphs 2(a)(ii) and 2(a)(iii) of Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures for a period of two years, as foreseen in footnote 5 of the Agreement."

Tunisia

27 February 1995 29 March 1995

- The following communication was received from the Government of Tunisia:

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

The following communication was also received from the Government of Tunisia:

The Tunisian Government wishes to avail itself of the possibilities to make reservations established in the framework of special and differential treatment for developing countries provided for in the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the World Trade Organization.

To this end, the Tunisian Government will delay, for a period of two years from the date of entry into force of the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, the application of subparagraphs 2(a)(ii) and 2(a)(iii) of Article 2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, in accordance with footnote 5 of the above-mentioned Agreement."

Colombia

31 March 1995

30 April 1995

- The instrument of ratification contained the following communication:

"IN AS MUCH AS, pursuant to Annex III of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, developing countries may make the reservations established therein, to which the Members shall consent under Article 21 of the Agreement, the Government of Colombia wishes to make the following reservations when depositing the present Instrument of Ratification:

1. The Government of Colombia 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 (paragraph 3 of Annex III).

2. The Government of Colombia 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 (paragraph 4 of Annex III).

3. The Government of Colombia reserves the right to retain the valuation of goods on the basis of officially established minimum values, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Annex III.

IN AS MUCH AS, pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, Members may reserve the right to avail themselves

of the provisions of that Article, the Government of Colombia reserves the right to apply the specific transitional safeguard mechanism ("transitional safeguard") defined in the above-mentioned article.

IN AS MUCH AS Article 20, paragraph 1 and 2, of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 provides that developing country Members may delay application of certain provisions, the Government of Colombia confirms the notifications previously addressed to the Director-General of the WTO as follows:

The Government of Colombia will delay application of the provisions of the Agreement for a period of five years from the date of entry into force of the Agreement for Colombia, in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 1;

The Government of Colombia, availing itself of its rights under paragraph 2 of Article 20, will 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 Agreement.

IN AS MUCH AS Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures provides, in footnote 5, that any developing country member which has specific difficulties with the requirements of subparagraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) may, upon notification to the Committee, delay the application of these subparagraphs by not more than two years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for such Member, the Government of Colombia confirms the notification which it made to the Committee of its decision to delay such application for a period of two years.

IN AS MUCH AS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 6, of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, the Government of Colombia notified that it will integrate

into GATT 1994 products which accounted for not less than 16 per cent of the total volume of its 1990 imports, encompassing products from the groups of tops and yarns, fabrics, made-up textile products, and clothing, the Government of Colombia considers it timely to confirm that notification in the same terms in which it was made.

The Government of Colombia also reiterates that, in accordance with paragraph 7(b) of Article 2, Colombia may resort to the transitional safeguard provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 6 in the event that a particular product is being imported in such increased quantities as to cause serious damage or threat thereof to the domestic industry."

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Israel	22 March 1995	21 April 1995
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- The following communication was received from the Government of Israel:

"The Government of the State of Israel wishes to avail itself of the following special provisions relating to 'Special and Differential Treatment' for developing countries pursuant to the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).

(1) Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 20 of the Agreement, the Government of the State of Israel formally notifies its decision to delay the application of the provisions of the Agreement and to implement it during the year 1997, i.e. within three years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreements.

(2) Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Annex III of the Agreement, the Government of the State of Israel reserves the right to provide that the relevant provision in 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.

Two years after the application of the Agreement, Israel will re-examine its stand on this issue.

(3) Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Annex III of the Agreement, the Government of the State of Israel 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. Two years after the application of the Agreement, Israel will re-examine its stand on this issue."

El Salvador

7 April 1995

7 May 1995

- 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)."

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."

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that on 4 May 1995 the Government of Burkina Faso deposited with me an instrument of ratification of the above-mentioned Agreement, thereby recognizing as fully binding the signature affixed by its plenipotentiary on 1 August 1994. In terms of Article XIV, paragraph 1, the Agreement shall enter into force for Burkina Faso on 3 June 1995.

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

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

R. Ruggiero
Director-General