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

## **COMMUNICATION FROM BENIN**

I have the honour to inform you that on 14 February 2000 the following communication was received from the Government of <u>Benin</u> concerning the <u>Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994:</u>

- 1. The Government of Benin would like to delay the application of Article 6 of the Agreement on Customs Valuation relating to the computed value for a period of three years following the application of all other provisions of that agreement.
- 2. As certain goods are currently valued on the basis of officially established minimum values, the Government of Benin would like to apply the provisions of paragraph 2 of Annex III of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994.
- 3. The Government of Benin reserves its right under paragraph 3 of Annex III of the Agreement on Customs Valuation relating to the reversal of the order of Articles 5 and 6 provided for in Article 4 of the Agreement to decide that the relevant provision of the said article shall apply only when the customs authorities agree to the request to reverse the order.
- 4. The Government of Benin reserves it right under paragraph 4 of Annex III of the Agreement on Customs Valuation 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.

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