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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII:4 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification, dated 22 November 2012, from the delegation of Togo, is being circulated to members of the Council for Trade in Services.

1. **Member notifying:**

Togo

2. **Notification under:**

Article VII:4 of the General Agreement of Trade in Services

3. **Date of entry into force:**

1984

4. **Agency responsible for implementation of the measure:**

National Commission for the Recognition and Accreditation of Diplomas, Degrees, Titles and Certificates (CNRHDGTC).

5. **Complete description of the measure¹ indicating the modes of supply covered, the effect of trade in services (e.g. restrictions/liberalization measures) and the impact of the measure on commitments in the Member's schedule and Article II (MFN) exemption list, if relevant:**

Since Togo is a member of CAMES (African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education), all diplomas accredited by that council are recognized under the law provided they have previously been recognized in the country of location of the institutions issuing them.

At the same time, having signed and ratified the UNESCO Arusha Convention for Africa in 1983, Togo recognizes all diplomas that have been accredited in any of the signatory States of the five UNESCO conventions covering the different regions of the world:

- The Arusha Convention for Africa;
- the Convention for Europe, the United States and Canada;

¹ Including international agreements, recognition measures or other types.

- the Asia and Pacific Convention;
- the Latin American and Caribbean Convention;
- the Arab States Convention.

In all cases, whether issued in a member State of CAMES or of one of the six conventions, the documents are subjected to the nine following eligibility criteria:

- (a) Verification of the official text accrediting the particular course of study and approving the educational institution concerned in the country in which it is located;
- (b) verification of the institution's authority to issue the diploma in question;
- (c) level and requirements for the enrolment of students in the course of study in question;
- (d) verification of the curriculum;
- (e) duration of the course in school years, months, weeks or hours, or in credits;
- (f) methods for controlling and evaluating knowledge;
- (g) accreditation of the diploma by a well-known regional or international body;
- (h) qualification and classification of teachers according to their degree, title and level of involvement in education;
- (i) recognition of the degree in the country in which the institution is located.

6. Members specifically affected, if any:

None

7. Text available from:

La Commission Nationale de Reconnaissance et d'Homologation des Diplômes, Grades, Titres et Certificats (CNRHDGTC) sise au Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche.

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