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**PROTOCOL AMENDING THE MARRAKESH AGREEMENT  
ESTABLISHING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION  
DONE AT GENEVA ON 27 NOVEMBER 2014**

**AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM**

We have the honour to inform you that on 1 January 2021 we have received the following communication from the United Kingdom:

"WHEREAS the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization was done at Geneva on 27 November 2014 (the "Protocol");

WHEREAS on 5 October 2015, the European Union accepted the Protocol, which accordingly covered the United Kingdom;

WHEREAS the United Kingdom ceased to be a Member State of the European Union on 31 January 2020;

WHEREAS the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, done at London and Brussels on 24 January 2020, entered into force on 1 February 2020 and provides, among other things, for a transition period until 31 December 2020 (the "transition period") during which time the United Kingdom is treated as a Member State of the European Union for the purpose of the Protocol;

WHEREAS the United Kingdom has notified to the Director-General of the World Trade Organization the extension of the application of its ratification of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization to the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey, for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible, with effect from the expiry of the transition period;

WHEREAS the United Kingdom intends to continue participating in the Protocol after the transition period;

AND WHEREAS the procedures necessary to this end have been completed by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

NOW THEREFORE the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, having considered the aforementioned Protocol, confirms its continued acceptance of the same from 1 January 2021 in respect of:

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
The Bailiwick of Guernsey  
The Bailiwick of Jersey  
The Isle of Man

and undertakes faithfully to continue to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Instrument is signed and sealed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs.

Done at London the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, Two Thousand and twenty.

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