



# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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

#### NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

I have the honour to inform you that on 5 October 2015, the European Union deposited with me an instrument of acceptance of the above-mentioned Protocol (the "Protocol"), the text of which reads as follows:

**"Council of the European Union**  
General Secretariat

**Luxembourg, 1 October 2015**

#### INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with point (v) of Article 218(6)(a) thereof,

NOTIFIES by these presents the acceptance, by the European Union, of the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation, so that it shall be binding on the Union.

**The President of the Council of the European Union"**

In accordance with its paragraph 4, the Protocol shall enter into force for the European Union upon acceptance by two thirds of the Members.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Protocol, Annex 1A to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization shall, upon entry into force of the Protocol, be amended by the insertion of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, as set out in the Annex to the Protocol, to be placed after the Agreement on Safeguards.

This notification is furnished in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Protocol.

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Director-General

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<sup>1</sup> According to footnote 1 to paragraph 4 of the Protocol, "[f]or the purposes of calculation of acceptances under Article X.3 of the WTO Agreement, an instrument of acceptance by the European Union for itself and in respect of its Member States shall be counted as acceptance by a number of Members equal to the number of Member States of the European Union which are Members to the WTO."