MAURITIUS BECOMES A MEMBER OF GATT

Mauritius has become a Member of GATT. Its accession brings the number of Contracting Parties to the General Agreement to seventy-eight; in addition, one country has provisionally acceded and a further twelve countries in practice apply the rules of GATT in their commercial policy.

Mauritius became independent in March 1968, and has since applied the GATT on a de facto basis. Having now decided to seek full GATT membership it has been able, through a simple declaration to this effect, to become a Contracting Party under Article XXVI of the General Agreement.

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