Maldives has become a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Maldives became independent on 26 July 1965 and has since applied the GATT rules in its trade 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.

The accession of Maldives will bring the total of GATT members to 89. In addition, one country has acceded provisionally to GATT, and 29 in practice apply the rules of GATT in their commercial policy.