EL SALVADOR CONFIRMED AS GATT’S 102nd MEMBER

GATT now has 102 contracting parties. The membership of El Salvador became effective today, 30 days after the GATT Secretariat received formal confirmation that ratification had taken place in the legislative assembly.

El Salvador is the sixth new GATT member in 10 months, following Tunisia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Costa Rica and Macau. Membership requests from seven other countries are in various stages of consideration - these are Guatemala (which has signed its protocol of accession but has yet to ratify), Algeria, Bulgaria, China, Honduras, Nepal and Paraguay.