ADMISSION OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/5551 of 10 October 1983 the contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that on 1 November 1981 Antigua and Barbuda had acquired full autonomy for its external commercial relations. Thus, the fact that Antigua and Barbuda was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party had been established.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has been applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis, pursuant to the Recommendations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 18 November 1960 and of 11 November 1967. On 30 March 1987 the Government advised me that it wished to be deemed a contracting party to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). Since the conditions required by Article XXVI:5(c) have been met, Antigua and Barbuda has become a contracting party; its rights and obligations date from 1 November 1981.