ADMISSION OF FIJI AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/3458 of 9 November 1970, the contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that Fiji had as from 9 October 1970, acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the fact that Fiji was qualified in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party had been established.

The Government of Fiji has been applying the General Agreement, on a de facto basis, pursuant to recommendations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of November 1960 and 11 November 1967. On 23 November 1993, the Government of Fiji communicated to me its decision to become a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). Since the conditions required by this Article have been met, Fiji has become a contracting party on 16 November 1993; its rights and obligations date from 9 October 1970.