ADMISSION OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/4013 of 4 April 1974 contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom, that on 1 December 1971 the United Arab Emirates, formerly known as the Trucial States, acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus the fact that the United Arab Emirates was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party has been established.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has been applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis, pursuant to recommendations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 18 November 1960 and of 11 November 1967. On 8 March 1994 the Government of the United Arab Emirates communicated to me its decision to become a contracting party to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). Since the conditions required by the Article have been met, the United Arab Emirates has become a contracting party on 8 March 1994; its rights and obligations date from 1 December 1971.