

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Observer in the Committee on Import Licensing<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 28 February 1992, has been received from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva.

I have the honour to send to you the note of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation distributed as the document L/6978<sup>2</sup> during the last meeting of the Council of representatives, and I request you, Mrs. Chairman, to undertake necessary steps, ensuing from this document and to inform thereof the members of the Committee.

<sup>1</sup>The Committee on Import Licensing granted observer status to the USSR on 26 March 1991 (LIC/M/28, paragraphs 16-21).

<sup>2</sup>A copy is attached.

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### Communication from the Russian Federation

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I have the honour to transmit to you the following note of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation:

"The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and has the honour to inform him that the participation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as an Observer in the Sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and in the meetings of the Council of Representatives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, GATT's bodies as well as the participation as an Observer in the Committees on Import Licensing and Anti-Dumping Practices is continued by the Russian Federation (RF), and that in this connection the name "The Russian Federation" in place of the name "The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics" is to be used in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The Russian Federation remains responsible in full for all rights and obligations of the USSR in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, including the financial obligations.

This note certifies the credentials to represent the Russian Federation in the bodies of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for all those currently possessing the credentials to represent the USSR in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to present to the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade the assurances of its highest consideration."

I would request you, Mr. Director-General, to perform the necessary formalities with all the consequences ensuing from this request, and to inform thereof the contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.