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**MARRAKESH AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION
DONE AT MARRAKESH ON 15 APRIL 1994**

**SECOND PROTOCOL TO THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES
DONE AT GENEVA ON 6 OCTOBER 1995**

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCES

ENTRY INTO FORCE

I have the honour to inform you that the above-mentioned Protocol was accepted by the following Members concerned on the dates indicated. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Protocol, and in accordance with the Decision taken on 30 July 1996 by Members having accepted the Protocol prior to 1 July 1996, the Protocol entered into force for the following Members concerned on 1 September 1996:

Austria	27 June 1996
Australia	27 June 1996
Canada	27 June 1996
Chile	13 November 1995
Denmark	28 June 1996
European Community	26 June 1996
Finland	26 June 1996
France	28 June 1996
Germany	27 June 1996
Hong Kong	26 April 1996
Hungary	25 June 1996
India	27 June 1996

Indonesia	27 June 1996
Ireland	27 June 1996
Italy	28 June 1996
Japan	8 December 1995
Korea	27 June 1996
Kuwait	17 June 1996
Luxembourg	29 June 1996
Malaysia	29 June 1996
Mexico	27 June 1996
Morocco	6 March 1996
Netherlands, for the Kingdom in Europe	28 June 1996
Norway	28 June 1996
Pakistan	30 June 1996
Poland	29 June 1996
Singapore	25 June 1996
South Africa	28 June 1996
Sweden	30 June 1996
Switzerland	20 May 1996
Thailand	28 June 1996
Turkey	23 May 1996
United Kingdom	27 June 1996
Venezuela	28 June 1996

I also have the honour to inform you that the Protocol was accepted by the following Members concerned and, pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Protocol and in accordance with the Decision taken on 30 July 1996 by Members having accepted the Protocol prior to 1 July 1996, the Protocol entered into force for those Members concerned on the dates indicated:

	<u>Date of acceptance</u>	<u>Entry into force</u>
Czech Republic	28 August 1996	27 September 1996
Dominican Republic	5 August 1996	4 September 1996
Philippines	26 August 1996	25 September 1996
Slovak Republic	12 August 1996	11 September 1996

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that on 25 November 1996 the Government of Spain withdrew the statement "Signature subject to subsequent authorization by Parliament of the declaration of Spain's agreement to assume the obligations" made at the time of its signature of the Protocol, thereby recognizing as fully binding the signature affixed by its plenipotentiary on 28 June 1996. In terms of paragraph 3 of the Protocol and in accordance with the Decision taken on 30 July 1996 by Members having accepted the Protocol prior to 1 July 1996, the Protocol shall enter into force for Spain on 25 December 1996.

Likewise, I have the honour to inform you that on 28 November 1996 the Government of Greece accepted the Protocol, thereby recognizing as fully binding the signature affixed by its plenipotentiary on 28 June 1996. At the time of signature of the Protocol, the Government of Greece made the following declaration:

"Until the completion of the internal approval procedures, Greece will apply the commitments taken on its behalf in the European Communities and their Member States Schedule of Specific Commitments, annexed to the Second Protocol annexed to the General Agreement on Trade in Services, from the date of its entry into force."

In terms of paragraph 3 of the Protocol and in accordance with the Decision taken on 30 July 1996 by the Members having accepted the Protocol prior to 1 July 1996, the Protocol shall enter into force for Greece on 28 December 1996.

In addition, I have the honour to inform you that on 29 November 1996 the Government of Portugal accepted the Protocol, thereby recognizing as fully binding the signature affixed by its plenipotentiary on 28 June 1996. At the time of signature of the Protocol, the Government of Portugal made the following declaration:

"Until completion of the internal approval procedures, Portugal will apply the commitments taken on its behalf in the European Communities and their Member States Schedule of Specific Commitments, annexed to the Second Protocol annexed to the General Agreement on Trade in Services, from the date of its entry into force."

In terms of paragraph 3 of the Protocol and in accordance with the Decision taken on 30 July 1996 by the Members having accepted the Protocol prior to 1 July 1996, the Protocol shall enter into force for Portugal on 29 December 1996.

On 29 November 1996 the Government of Egypt accepted the Protocol. In terms of paragraph 3 of the Protocol and in accordance with the Decision taken on 30 July 1996 by the Members having accepted the Protocol prior to 1 July 1996, the Protocol shall enter into force for Egypt on 29 December 1996.

This notification is furnished in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Protocol.

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Director-General