

**Council for Trade in Goods**

IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON  
TRADE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS

Note by the Secretariat

Footnote 2 to document G/L/160 provides for the consideration at a future date for approval of the documents submitted by Panama and Poland and of others who might submit documents on or before 1 April 1997. It was understood that, upon approval of these documents, the procedures set forth in the Annex to the Declaration would apply as if the documents had been approved at the meeting of 26 March 1997.

The document of the Philippines was received by 1 April 1997. The documents of the Philippines and Poland were considered by the participants at this meeting on 18 April 1997 and approved in principle on the understanding that they would be deemed to be definitively approved if no objections were received by the Secretariat by 25 April 1997. No objections have been received by the Secretariat.

Therefore, Poland and the Philippines should be deemed to be added to the list of Members and States or separate customs territories listed on page 1 of G/L/160, and therefore considered "participants" of the Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products.