

**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 El Salvador was received on 1 April 1997, and was considered by the participants at a meeting on 18 April 1997. The schedule of El Salvador was approved in principle on the understanding that once the revised documentation was circulated, it would be deemed to be definitively approved if no objections were received by the Secretariat one week after circulation. No objections were received by the Secretariat after the expiry of the one week period.

Therefore, El Salvador 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 a "participant" of the Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products.