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Committee on Trade in Financial Services

STATUS OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIFTH PROTOCOL TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES (GATS)

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Decision Adopting the Fifth Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (S/L/44) stipulates that the Committee on Trade in Financial Services shall monitor the acceptance of the Protocol by Members concerned.

2. In accordance with this mandate, it is hereby reported to the Committee that the following Members have accepted the Protocol as of 18 May 1998.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Date of Acceptance</u>
Singapore	18 May 1998
Hong Kong, China	18 May 1998

3. The Protocol is open for acceptance by the Members concerned until 29 January 1999¹. If by 30 January 1999 the Protocol has not been accepted by all Members concerned, those Members which have accepted it before that date may, within a period of 30 days thereafter, decide on its entry into force.

4. The Committee will be informed of any further developments concerning the acceptance of the Protocol.

5. The status of acceptance of the Fifth Protocol will be on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council for Trade in Services.

¹A certified copy of the Protocol was circulated to Members on 17 April 1998 under cover of document WT/Let/215.