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ACCESSION OF ECUADOR

On 16 August 1995 the General Council adopted a Decision (WT/ACC/ECU/5) to the effect that the Government of Ecuador may accede to the WTO Agreement on the terms set out in the Protocol for the Accession of Ecuador, the text of which was approved at the General Council meeting on 31 July 1995 (GC/M/6). The text of the Protocol is annexed hereto.

The Protocol is open for acceptance in the Office of the Director of the Accessions Division, Room 2079.

PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR TO THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

The World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as the "WTO"), pursuant to the approval of the General Council of the WTO accorded under Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as "WTO Agreement"), and the Republic of Ecuador (hereinafter referred to as "Ecuador"),

Taking note of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of Ecuador to the WTO in document WT/L/77 (hereinafter referred to as the "Working Party Report"),

Having regard to the results of the negotiations on the accession of Ecuador to the WTO,

Agree as follows:

Part I - General

1. Upon entry into force of this Protocol, Ecuador accedes to the WTO Agreement pursuant to Article XII of that Agreement and thereby becomes a Member of the WTO.
2. The WTO Agreement to which Ecuador accedes shall be the WTO Agreement as rectified, amended or otherwise modified by such legal instruments as may have entered into force before the date of entry into force of this Protocol. This Protocol, which shall comprise the commitments referred to in paragraph 81 of the Working Party Report, shall be an integral part of the WTO Agreement.
3. Except as otherwise provided for in the paragraphs referred to in paragraph 81 of the Working Party Report, those obligations in the Multilateral Trade Agreements annexed to the WTO Agreement that are to be implemented over a period of time starting with the entry into force of that Agreement shall be implemented by Ecuador as if it had accepted that Agreement on the date of its entry into force.
4. The staging of the dismantling of the Tariff Adjustment Mechanism shall be implemented according to the time-table in Annex II of this Protocol.

Part II - Schedules

5. The Schedules annexed to this Protocol shall become the Schedule of Concessions and Commitments annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (hereinafter referred to as the "GATT 1994") and the Schedule of Specific Commitments annexed to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (hereinafter referred to as "GATS") relating to Ecuador. The staging of the concessions and commitments listed in the Schedules shall be implemented as specified in the relevant parts of the respective Schedules.
6. For the purpose of the reference in paragraph 6(a) of Article II of the GATT 1994 to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of the Schedules of Concessions and Commitments annexed to this Protocol shall be the date of entry into force of this Protocol.

Part III - Final Provisions

7. This Protocol shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Ecuador until 31 December 1995.
8. This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the day of its acceptance.
9. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO. The Director-General of the WTO shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Protocol and a notification of acceptance thereto pursuant to paragraph 7 to each Member of the WTO and to Ecuador.
10. This Protocol shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

DONE at Geneva this sixteenth day of August one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, in a single copy in the English, French and Spanish languages each text being authentic, except that a Schedule annexed hereto may specify that it is authentic in only one or more of these languages.