

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## ACCESSION OF TONGA

### Communication from Tonga

The Director-General has received the following communication, dated 30 June 1995, from the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

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... I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga desires to accede to the World Trade Organization in accordance with the procedures of Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

In forwarding this communication, I am to emphasize the significance that the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga attaches to membership of the Organization, particularly, to promote the Kingdom's trade interests and accrue benefit from the increasingly liberal, rule-based multilateral trading system that is being established.

I am to request the assistance of the Secretariat in circulating the application of the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga to all Members of the World Trade Organization.