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PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF WTO BODIES BY CERTAIN SIGNATORIES OF THE FINAL ACT ELIGIBLE TO BECOME ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE WTO

Decision adopted by the General Council on 31 January 1995

The General Council,

Noting that some of the Signatories of the Final Act Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (hereinafter referred to as "Final Act") that are eligible to become original Members of the WTO have not been able to complete their domestic procedures for the approval of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as "WTO Agreement") before the date of entry into force of that Agreement;

Noting further that some of the Ministerial Decisions included in the Final Act envisage the participation of non-Members of the WTO in the negotiations initiated under them;

Desiring to enable certain Signatories of the Final Act that are eligible to become original Members of the WTO to participate in the deliberations of the bodies of the WTO;

Decides as follows:

During a period of seven months following the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement Signatories of the Final Act Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round that are contracting parties to the GATT 1947 as of the date of this Decision and are eligible to become original Members of the WTO

- may be present and speak at formal or informal meetings of the bodies established under the WTO Agreement other than the Textiles Monitoring Body, and
- shall have access to all documents made available to Members of the WTO for such meetings.

Such Signatories shall not have the right to participate in the decision-making of the bodies established under the WTO Agreement.