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THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

Request for Accession Pursuant to Article XII

The Director-General has received the following communication, dated 21 November 2004, from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan with the request that it be considered at the earliest possible occasion.

As you are aware the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan submitted its application for membership of the WTO in April 2003.

On behalf of the Government of Afghanistan, I now have the pleasure of reaffirming our original application. We are very keen for Afghanistan to be fully integrated in the international economic system. As such we wish to request for our application to be considered at the earliest possible occasion.

Please convey our renewed application and keenness to the membership of the WTO in accordance with your procedures.
