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Committee on Trade and Environment

REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS BY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES

The following communication has been received from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries requesting observer status in the Committee on Trade and Environment.

I am writing to inform you that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is interested in being admitted, as an observer, to the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization, as provided by Annex 3 of WTO Document WT/L/161.

In view of the objectives of our Organization [as outlined in the attached Statute] and the active role it plays in the world energy market, as well as its involvement in the international environmental debate, it is very important for OPEC to attend the discussions of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment.

Hence, given the important role of oil in global trade and the environment, we would herewith apply, through your good offices, for observer status in the Committee on Trade and Environment.
