

MARRAKESH AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Extension of Time-Limit for Acceptance of the Agreement by the Republic of the Congo

Decision Adopted by the General Council on 24 April 1997

Considering that on 25 February 1997 the Government of the Republic of the Congo notified the World Trade Organization that the Parliament of the Republic of the Congo has ratified the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization which it signed, subject to ratification, on 15 April 1994;

Considering that the time-limit for acceptance of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization expired on 1 January 1997, two years after the entry into force of the Agreement, as defined in Article XIV:1 of the Agreement;

Considering that the Republic of the Congo is the only remaining contracting party to GATT 1947 which was eligible to become an Original Member of the World Trade Organization before 1 January 1997 and which is not yet a Member of the Organization,

The General Council,

Decides to extend, retroactively, the time-limit for acceptance by the Republic of the Congo of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization to 25 February 1997, the date of receipt by the Director-General of the notification of ratification of the Agreement by the Republic of the Congo, whence the Republic of the Congo would be deemed a Member of the Organization as of 27 March 1997, thirty days after receipt of the notification.