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**MARRAKESH AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING  
THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION  
DONE AT MARRAKESH ON 15 APRIL 1994**

**SECOND PROTOCOL TO THE  
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES  
DONE AT GENEVA ON 6 OCTOBER 1995**

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCES

ENTRY INTO FORCE

I have the honour to inform you that the above-mentioned Protocol was accepted by the following Members, on the dates indicated:

Austria	27 June 1996
Australia	27 June 1996
Canada	27 June 1996
Chile	13 November 1995
Denmark	28 June 1996
European Community	26 June 1996
Finland	26 June 1996
France	28 June 1996
Germany	27 June 1996
Hong Kong	26 April 1996
Hungary	25 June 1996
India	27 June 1996
Indonesia	27 June 1996
Ireland	27 June 1996
Italy	28 June 1996
Japan	8 December 1995
Korea	27 June 1996
Kuwait	17 June 1996
Luxembourg	29 June 1996
Malaysia	29 June 1996

Mexico	27 June 1996
Morocco	6 March 1996
Netherlands, for the Kingdom in Europe	28 June 1996
Norway	28 June 1996
Pakistan	30 June 1996
Poland	28 June 1996
Singapore	25 June 1996
South Africa	28 June 1996
Sweden	30 June 1996
Switzerland	20 May 1996
Thailand	28 June 1996
Turkey	23 May 1996
United Kingdom	27 June 1996
Venezuela	28 June 1996

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Protocol, and in accordance with the Decision taken on 31 July 1996 by Members having accepted the Protocol prior to 1 July 1996, the Protocol shall enter into force for the above-mentioned Members on 1 September 1996.

Likewise, I have the honour to inform you that on 5 August 1996, the Government of the Dominican Republic accepted the Protocol. In terms of paragraph 3 of the Protocol, and in accordance with the Decision taken on 31 July 1996 by Members having accepted the Protocol prior to 1 July 1996, the Protocol shall enter into force for the Dominican Republic on 4 September 1996.

I also have the honour to inform you that on 14 March 1996, the Protocol was accepted by Brazil, subject to ratification.

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that on 30 June 1996, Belgium accepted the Protocol subject to ratification. The acceptance by Belgium was accompanied by the following communication:

"Belgium intends to fulfil the obligations that are incumbent upon it and which are already lawfully required of it on the basis of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, which entered into force on 1 January 1995. As far as Belgium is concerned, the obligations under the Second Protocol are in all respects identical to those accepted under the Final Act of the Uruguay Round."

In addition, I have the honour to inform you that on 28 June 1996, Greece accepted the Protocol, subject to internal approval. The acceptance by Greece was accompanied by the following communication:

"Until the completion of the internal approval procedures, Greece will apply the commitments taken on its behalf in the European Communities and their Member States Schedule of Specific Commitments, annexed to the Second Protocol annexed to the General Agreement on Trade in Services, from the date of its entry into force."

On 28 June 1996, Portugal accepted the Protocol, subject to internal approval. The acceptance by Portugal was accompanied by the following communication:

"Until completion of the internal approval procedures, Portugal will apply the commitments taken on its behalf in the European Communities and their Member States Schedule of Specific Commitments, annexed to the Second Protocol annexed to the General Agreement on Trade in Services, from the date of its entry into force."

On 28 June 1996, Spain accepted the Protocol with the following mention:

"This signature is subject to subsequent authorization by Parliament of the declaration of Spain's agreement to assume the obligations."

This notification is furnished in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Protocol.

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Director-General