

PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION OF GEORGIA

Time-Limit for Acceptance of Protocol of Accession*

Decision of 13 March 2000

The General Council,

Having regard to the provision in paragraph 2 of Article XII, and paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (the "WTO Agreement"), and the Decision-Making Procedures under Articles IX and XII of the WTO Agreement agreed by the General Council (WT/L/93);

Noting that on 25 February 2000 the Government of Georgia notified the Director-General of the World Trade Organization that the Parliament of Georgia cannot complete its ratification procedures of the Protocol of Accession of Georgia to the WTO Agreement, which it signed, subject to ratification, on 6 October 1999;

Considering that the time-limit for acceptance of the Protocol of Accession of Georgia to the WTO Agreement is 1 March 2000, as defined in paragraph 7 of the Protocol,

Decides as follows:

To extend, with retroactive effect as of 1 March 2000, the time-limit for acceptance by Georgia of the Protocol of Accession of Georgia to the WTO Agreement to 15 May 2000. As defined in paragraph 8 of the Protocol, the Protocol shall enter into force thirty days following its acceptance. In accordance with paragraph 1 of the Protocol, Georgia shall become a Member upon the entry into force of the Protocol.

* See document WT/L/345