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COMMUNICATION FROM THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY
OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

The Director-General has received the following communication from the Representation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

On behalf of my government, I have the honour to inform you that the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu has decided to accede to the World Trade Organization in accordance with Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

In this regard, my government wishes to request that the current Working Party established for our accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT 1947) be transformed into a WTO Accession Working Party pursuant to the decision as adopted by the WTO General Council on 31 January 1995.

Having regard to the decision adopted by the General Council on 31 January 1995, the existing Working Party on the Accession of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (referred to as "Chinese Taipei") to the GATT 1947 will be continued as a WTO Accession Working Party. The name of the Chairman, the membership and the terms of reference of the Working Party are reproduced on the following page.

WORKING PARTY ON THE ACCESSION OF THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS
TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

Chairman: H.E. Mr. Martin R. Morland (United Kingdom)

Membership:

ArgentinaFinlandPhilippines
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ColombiaKoreaSweden
Costa RicaMadagascarSwitzerland
Czech RepublicMalaysiaThailand
EgyptMexicoTurkey
El SalvadorNew ZealandUnited States
European CommunitiesNorwayUruguay
and member StatesPakistanYugoslavia

Terms of Reference:

To examine the application of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (referred to as "Chinese Taipei") to accede to the World Trade Organization under Article XII, and to submit to the General Council recommendations which may include a draft Protocol of Accession.