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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

MEXICO

On 24 July 1987, the Government of Mexico accepted the Agreement on Customs Valuation, ad referendum, subject to reservations formulated in a communication to the Director-General of the same date, which is reproduced below.

I have the pleasure to inform you that in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 2(a) of the Protocol for the Accession of Mexico to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; in connection with paragraphs 83 and 68 of document L/6010, Report of the Working Party on the Accession of Mexico to the GATT; and pursuant to the instructions of the Constitutional President of the United Mexican States, Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, contained in the document by which the undersigned is granted full powers and which is annexed hereto, on behalf of the Government of Mexico I accept, ad referendum, the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 12 April 1979, known as the Customs Valuation Code, as well as the Protocol to the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 1 November 1979.

The Government of Mexico makes the following reservations with respect to these two legal instruments:

1. The Government of the United Mexican States reserves the right to provide that the relevant provision of Article 4 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade shall apply only when the customs authorities agree to the request to reverse the order of Articles 5 and 6.
2. The Government of the United Mexican States reserves the right to provide that Article 5.2 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of the relevant note thereto whether or not the importer so requests.

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I also wish to make the following statements:

- In accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Government of the United Mexican States will delay the application of all provisions of that Agreement and of its Protocol of Application for a period of five years from the date of entry into force of those instruments for Mexico. The Government of Mexico will also delay the application of the valuation method described in Articles 1.2(b)(iii) and 6 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for a period of three years from the date when all the other provisions of that Agreement are applied by the United Mexican States.
- The Government of Mexico declares its status as a developing country as recognized in the Protocol for the Accession of Mexico to the General Agreement, and it therefore considers that the provisions of the Agreement which it accepts today and any other provision relating to developing countries fully apply to Mexico.

I reiterate the Mexican Government's firm intention to observe scrupulously the undertakings stemming from the Agreement which we have accepted; nevertheless, in the event that difficulties should arise in the future, my country's Government trusts that we may turn to the governments of the contracting parties and to the GATT secretariat itself to receive not only due understanding but also the technical and other support, co-operation and assistance to enable Mexico fully to observe the undertakings into which we have entered today.