



FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Notification
to the States Parties and Signatories to the Agreement Establishing
the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC)
as an Intergovernmental Organisation, concluded in Geneva on 9 December 2002

I. Extension of the period of the opening for signature of the Agreement

On 17 December 2004, the Council of Representatives of the AITIC decided by consensus, according to article 16 paragraph 4 of the Agreement, to extend until 31 December 2004 the period set out in article 16 paragraph 1 of the Agreement for consenting to be bound by signature or signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval.

States which signed the Agreement subject to ratification, acceptance or approval (Article 16 paragraph 1 letter b) may deposit their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval within the depositary until 31 December 2005 (Article 16 paragraph 1 *in fine*). Furthermore, the Agreement is open for accession under the conditions of Article 17.

II. Signature by the Democratic Republic of Congo

On 29 September 2004, the Democratic Republic of Congo signed, subject to ratification, the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

III. Signature by Guatemala

On 13 December 2004, Guatemala signed the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

The signature, not subject to ratification, has to be considered as an accession. In analogical application of Article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement entered into force for Guatemala on the 30th day following the date of the signature, i.e. on 12 January 2005.

IV. Signature by the Republic of Mali

On 13 December 2004, the Republic of Mali signed the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

The signature, not subject to ratification, has to be considered as an accession. In analogical application of Article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement entered into force for the Republic of Mali on the 30th day following the date of the signature, i.e. on 12 January 2005.

V. *Signature by the Republic of Uganda*

On 13 December 2004, the Republic of Uganda signed the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

The signature, not subject to ratification, has to be considered as an accession. In analogical application of Article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement entered into force for the Republic of Uganda on the 30th day following the date of the signature, i.e. on 12 January 2005.

VI. *Signature and ratification by the Republic of Moldova*

On 17 December 2004, the Republic of Moldova signed the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

On 17 December 2004 too, the Republic of Moldova deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of ratification of the Agreement. According to its article 16 paragraph 3, the Agreement entered into force for the Republic of Moldova on the 30th day following the date on which the instrument has been deposited, i.e. on 16 January 2005.

VII. *Signature by the Republic of Rwanda*

On 17 December 2004, the Republic of Rwanda signed the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

The signature, not subject to ratification, has to be considered as an accession. In analogical application of Article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement entered into force for the Republic of Rwanda on the 30th day following the date of the signature, i.e. on 16 January 2005.

VIII. *Signature by Mongolia*

On 21 December 2004, Mongolia signed, subject to ratification, the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

IX. *Signature by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*

On 22 December 2004, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan signed the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

The signature, not subject to ratification, has to be considered as an accession. In analogical application of Article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement entered into force for the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on the 30th day following the date of the signature, i.e. on 21 January 2005.

X. *Signature by the Republic of El Salvador*

On 23 December 2004, the Republic of El Salvador signed, subject to ratification, the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

XI. Signature by Jamaica

On 23 December 2004, Jamaica signed the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

The signature, not subject to ratification, has to be considered as an accession. In analogical application of Article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement entered into force for Jamaica on the 30th day following the date of the signature, i.e. on 22 January 2005.

XII. Signature by Barbados

On 31 December 2004, Barbados signed the Agreement Establishing the AITIC as an Intergovernmental Organisation.

The signature, not subject to ratification, has to be considered as an accession. In analogical application of Article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement entered into force for Barbados on the 30th day following the date of the signature, i.e. on 30 January 2005.

XIII. Acceptance by Finland

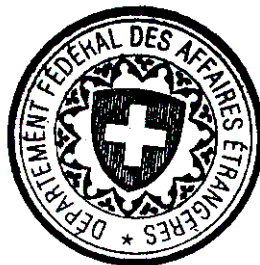
On 4 February 2005, Finland deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of acceptance of the Agreement. According to its article 16 paragraph 3, the Agreement will enter into force for Finland on the 30th day following the date on which the instrument has been deposited, i.e. on 6 March 2005.

XIV. Ratification by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

On 8 February 2005, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of ratification of the Agreement. According to its article 16 paragraph 3, the Agreement will enter into force for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the 30th day following the date on which the instrument has been deposited, i.e. on 10 March 2005.

The list of the States Parties and Signatories to the Agreement is available on the following address: <http://www.ddip.admin.ch/eda/f/home/foreign/intagr/train/vdivers.html>

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as depositary according to article 20 of the Agreement.



Berne, 28 February 2005