
ACCESSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

MINISTERIAL DECISION OF 8 NOVEMBER 2018

The Ministerial Conference,

Having regard to 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),

Taking note of the application of Iran for accession to the WTO Agreement dated 19 July 1996,

Noting the results of the negotiations directed toward the establishment of the terms of accession of Iran to the WTO Agreement and having prepared a Protocol on the Accession of Iran,

Decides as follows:

1. Iran may accede to the WTO Agreement on the terms and conditions set out in the Protocol annexed to this Decision.

PROTOCOL ON THE ACCESSION OF IRAN

Preamble

The World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as the "WTO"), pursuant to the approval of the Ministerial Conference of the WTO accorded under Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as the "WTO Agreement"), and Iran,

Having regard to the results of the negotiations on the accession of Iran to the WTO Agreement,

Agree as follows:

PART I – GENERAL

1. Upon entry into force of this Protocol pursuant to paragraph 7, Iran accedes to the WTO Agreement pursuant to Article XII of that Agreement and thereby becomes a Member of the WTO.

2. The WTO Agreement to which Iran accedes shall be the WTO Agreement, including the Explanatory Notes to that Agreement, as rectified, amended or otherwise modified by such legal instruments as may have entered into force before the date of entry into force of this Protocol. This Protocol, shall be an integral part of the WTO Agreement.

PART II - CONCESSIONS

3. Iran agrees to change regulations in conflict with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (hereinafter referred to as the "GATT 1994") and the Schedule of Specific Commitments annexed to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (hereinafter referred to as "GATS").

4. Iran agrees to accede to the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights hereafter named TRIPS Agreement.

PART III - FINAL PROVISIONS

4. This Protocol shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Iran until 30 November 2018 or such later date as may be decided by the Ministerial Conference.

5. This Protocol shall enter into force on the second day following the day upon which it shall have been accepted by Iran.

6. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO. The Director-General of the WTO shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Protocol and a notification of acceptance by Iran thereto pursuant to paragraph 7 to each Member of the WTO and to Iran.

7. This Protocol shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Done at Zurich, Switzerland, this eighth of November two thousand and eighteen, in a single copy in the English.