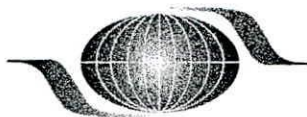


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Addendum 3

Note by the Secretary-General

In the following document, the Secretary-General transmits to the Assembly the letter of the Republic of Moldova concerning its membership in the Institution.

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1. The Members will find attached the letter that the Secretariat has just received from the Republic of Moldova, in which this country declares that an error of procedure vis-à-vis its own constitutional rules occurred, marring the application for membership it submitted in 1993, which was accepted by our General Assembly.
2. In the same letter, the Republic of Moldova requests that its membership be considered to have taken effect beginning 1st January 2002, from which time, after having completed the required formalities with regard to its domestic laws, it began actively participating in the life of the Organization and paying its corresponding contributions to the WTO.
3. The Members of the Assembly will be called upon to take a decision on the matter of the Republic of Moldova's request, of which, for his part, the Secretary-General is in favour.

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Madrid, Spain

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Moldova I would like to present our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the support the World Tourism Organization (WTO) extends to the Government of the Republic of Moldova in its efforts to develop a sustainable tourism industry.

In view of the conflict between the National Legislation and the WTO Statutes concerning the procedure of accession, the Government of the Republic of Moldova would like to reconfirm and declare that an error of procedure occurred which marred Moldova's original application to accede to WTO membership in 1993. This error was corrected on October 11, 2001 when the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova adopted a decision ratifying the original membership application in accordance with the domestic law.

Considering the above-mentioned facts, the Republic of Moldova requests to be considered as a WTO Full Member with effect from January 1, 2002, since by that date all the administrative procedures had been completed for its accession. From that moment Moldova has participated in WTO's activities and has regularly paid its budgetary contributions, including the one for 2005.

The Republic of Moldova takes this opportunity to confirm that it adopts the WTO Statutes and accepts the obligations of its membership.

I take this opportunity, Excellency, to express the assurances of my highest consideration.

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