

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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Committee on Customs Valuation

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### REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

#### Communication from the Russian Federation

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter received by the Director-General from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation.

Geneva, 10 April 1992

Dear Mr. Director-General,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Russian Federation would like to obtain observer status at the Committee on Customs Valuation.

I am also instructed to inform you that this request should be considered as a further step in examination of the prerequisites for a future accession of the Russian Federation to the General Agreement and the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII of the GATT. Observer status will give us an opportunity to take fully into account the relevant rules and disciplines of the multilateral trading system, which is of special importance to us at a time of unprecedented economic reforms in my country.

I would appreciate, if the present application could be transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee on Customs Valuation and circulated among the Parties to the Agreement for their consideration.

Please, accept, Mr. Director-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Makeyev  
Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative of  
the Russian Federation

Mr. Arthur Dunkel  
Director-General  
GATT  
Geneva