



## 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

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### ***Entry into force***

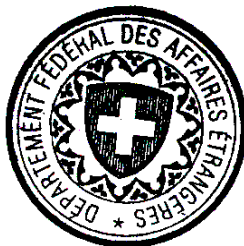
According to its article 16, paragraph 2, the Agreement "shall enter into force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date on which both of the following conditions are met:

- (a) Three Participating Members and three Sponsoring Members have expressed consent to be bound by signature or have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval;
- (b) The total of the contributions to AITIC's regular budget that the States or customs territories which have expressed their consent to be bound by this Agreement are obliged to make in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 11 of this Agreement and Annex I to this Agreement exceeds twice the amount of the budget for the initial year following the establishment of AITIC."

In its previous notification from 15 March 2004, the Swiss Federal Council noted that the first aforesaid condition was fulfilled. Since then, the preparatory Commission of the AITIC in its session from 31 March 2004, approved the budget for 2004, which allows to conclude that the second condition is satisfied. According to the above-mentioned provision, the Agreement will enter into force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following this date, i.e. on 30 April 2004.

A certified copy of the Agreement, with Annex I, in the English, French and Spanish languages and a list of the States Parties and Signatories, in French, established by the depositary are enclosed to this notification.

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



Berne, 29 April 2004