I. Accession by the Democratic Republic of the Congo

On 23 November 2006, the Democratic Republic of the Congo deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of accession to the Agreement Establishing the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC) as an Intergovernmental Organisation, concluded in Geneva on 9 December 2002.

According to its article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement will enter into force for the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the 30th day following the date on which the instrument has been deposited, i.e. on 23 December 2006.

II. Accession by the Lao People’s Democratic Republic

On 28 November 2006, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of accession to the Agreement Establishing the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC) as an Intergovernmental Organisation, concluded in Geneva on 9 December 2002.

According to its article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement will enter into force for the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on the 30th day following the date on which the instrument has been deposited, i.e. on 28 December 2006.

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

Berne, 21 December 2006