

within the framework of special historical, constitutional or economic bilateral relationships.

Article XIII

Amendment of the Agreement

1. Without prejudice to the amendment of the Schedules of this Agreement which may be effected only in accordance with Articles IV and VII of this Agreement, this Agreement may be amended at any time by the unanimous agreement of all the Parties. The text of any amendment proposed by a Party shall be submitted to the Director who shall transmit it to the Parties.
2. If three or more Parties request a meeting to discuss the proposed amendment the Director shall call such a meeting.

Article XIV

Acceptance, accession and entry into force

Acceptance and accession

1. This Agreement shall be open for acceptance by signature subject to ratification or by accession by the Governments of Australia, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Western Samoa.[1]
2. Any Government which from time to time becomes a member of the Forum may apply to become a Party by submitting a request for accession to this Agreement to the Director who shall notify all the Parties. A Government may accede to this Agreement after receipt of an invitation to do so issued by the Director with the approval of all the Parties.
3. Acceptance of or accession to this Agreement shall not be taken as extending the rights and obligations set forth in this Agreement to fully self-governing countries freely associated with the accepting or acceding Government, or to territories named by the accepting or acceding Government for whose international relations that Government is responsible.
4. Instruments signifying acceptance or accession shall be deposited with the Director.
5. This Agreement shall enter into force when either the Government of Australia or the Government of New Zealand and the Government of a Forum Island country have accepted it.[2] For each other Government it shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of acceptance of, or accession to, this Agreement by that Government.[3]

6. The original of this Agreement shall be deposited with the Director who shall transmit to each Party a certified copy thereof and of each amendment thereto pursuant to Article XIII and a notification of each acceptance thereof or accession thereto pursuant to this Article, and of each withdrawal therefrom pursuant to Article XV.

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

Article XV

Withdrawal and termination

1. If a Party wishes to withdraw from this Agreement, that Party shall give notice in writing of its wish to the Director, who shall thereupon inform the Parties. The Party giving notice shall cease to be a Party to this Agreement 30 days from the date on which the Director receives the notice, unless:

(a) in the meantime the notifying Party has withdrawn its notice, in which event that Party shall continue to be a Party to the Agreement; or

(b) the notifying Party is either the Government of Australia or the Government of New Zealand, in which event that Party shall cease to be a Party to this Agreement 180 days from the date on which the Director received that Party's notice.

2. This Agreement shall terminate 180 days after the date on which the Director receives notification of withdrawal from this Agreement from:

(a) the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand; or

(b) all other Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised by their respective governments, have signed this agreement.

DONE at Tarawa, Kiribati this 14th day of July One thousand nine hundred and eighty (1980).

SCHEDULE 1 - AUSTRALIA

Tariff Item

Brief description of goods