

JOINT DECLARATION  
REGARDING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ESTABLISHED  
A CUSTOMS UNION WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION

The EU recalls the obligations of those States that have established a customs union with the EU to align their trade regime to that of the EU and, for certain of them, to conclude preferential agreements with those countries having preferential agreements with the EU.

In this context, the Parties note that the EAC Partner State(s) shall start negotiations with a view to concluding a bilateral agreement establishing a free trade area in accordance with Article XXIV of the GATT with States that:

- (a) have established a customs union with the EU; and
- (b) whose products do not benefit from the tariff concessions under this Agreement.

The EAC Partner State(s) agree to negotiate this in the future.

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