

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RATIFYING THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENTS TO INSERT THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT INTO ANNEX IA OF THE MARAKESH AGREEMENT WHICH ESTABLISHES THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)

WHEREAS Antigua and Barbuda is a party to the World Trade Organization; and

WHEREAS on the 7th December 2013 at the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia, the Ministers concluded the negotiations of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) which is an amendment to the WTO Agreement (the Marakesh Agreement) which is to be inserted into Annex IA of the said WTO Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Trade Facilitation Agreement entered into force on the 22nd February, 2017;

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda by a decision dated 28th June 2017 has approved Antigua and Barbuda's ratification/accession of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement as adopted as a Protocol of Amendment to be inserted in as a new Agreement into Annex IA of the WTO Agreement under the General Council pursuant to the Ministerial Decision of 7th December 2013;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY this Honourable House that the Trade Facilitation Agreement which has been adopted as a Protocol of Amendment to be inserted into Annex IA of the WTO Agreement, the text of which is attached hereto as a schedule, be ratified pursuant to section 3(1) (c) of the Ratification of Treaties Act, Cap.364.

Passed by the House of Representatives this day of , 2017

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Clerk to the House of Representatives