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Representatives of the Signatory States to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Israel;

meeting at Geneva on 17th September 1992 for the signature of the Agreement between the EFTA States and Israel,

wishing to make preparations for the entry into force of the Agreement,

have agreed to establish an Interim Group on customs and origin matters, as follows:

1. The functions of the Interim Group shall be to exchange information, review developments and assist the Signatory States to the Agreement regarding:

- (a) rules of origin and methods of administrative co-operation laid down in Protocol B to the Agreement,
- (b) other customs matters as defined in paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Agreement,
- (c) other customs and origin matters referred to it by the Signatory States to the Agreement.

2. The Interim Group shall be comprised of representatives of each State Signatory to the Agreement and shall meet as often as required. It shall be convened at the request of an EFTA State or Israel.

3. Meetings of the Interim Group shall be chaired in turn by a representative of an EFTA State and by a representative of Israel.

4. The Interim Group shall cease to exist when the Joint Committee under the Agreement decides to set up a Sub-Committee on customs and origin matters.

DONE at Geneva, this 17th day of September 1992.