COMMUNICATION FROM INDIA

NOTIFICATION OF OBJECTION TO THE UNITED STATES’ REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF ITS SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

The following communication from the delegation of India, dated 3 February 2023, is being circulated to all WTO Members.

Invocation of Article XVIII of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and procedures under S/L/84

This notification is being circulated upon the request of India pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Procedures for the Certification of Rectifications or Improvements to Schedules of Specific Commitments (S/L/84).

India notes the submission S/C/W/393 by the United States of America, which contains schedules of specific commitments relating to services domestic regulations, submitted for certification pursuant to the Procedures for the Certification of Rectifications or Improvements to Schedules of Specific Commitments (document S/L/84).

India considers that further information and clarifications are required in order to assess the legal basis and the effect of the proposed improvements, particularly their interaction with Members’ existing rights and obligations under the General Agreement on Trade in Services and the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the WTO.

Accordingly, India hereby notifies its objection to the certification of the schedules of specific commitments of the United States of America. This objection should be read in conjunction with the paper WT/GC/W/819/Rev.1 circulated at the request of India, South Africa, and Namibia. India notes that further clarifications may be needed on other aspects of the schedules submitted for certification by the Members concerned and therefore, reserves the right to seek such clarifications.

India looks forward to consultations with the United States of America to clarify these matters.