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**Notification to the Parties and Signatories to the Agreement Establishing the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC) as an Intergovernmental Organisation, concluded in Geneva on 9 December 2002**

***Accession by the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu***

On 21 April 2009, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of accession, as Sponsoring Member, to the Agreement Establishing the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC) as an Intergovernmental Organisation, concluded in Geneva on 9 December 2002.

According to Article 12 paragraph 2 of the Agreement, the initial contributions of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in the instrument of accession, the Annex of which reads as follows:

***Schedule of Commitments***

<i>Separate</i>	<i>Pledge Contribution</i>	
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>CHF</i>	<i>400,000</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>CHF</i>	<i>400,000</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>CHF</i>	<i>400,000</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>CHF</i>	<i>400,000</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>CHF</i>	<i>400,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>CHF</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>

According to its article 17 paragraph 3, the Agreement will enter into force for the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date on which the instrument has been deposited, i.e. on 21 May 2009.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as depositary ([www.eda.admin.ch/depositary](http://www.eda.admin.ch/depositary)) according to article 20 of the Agreement.

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