How to accept WTO amendment protocols?

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Basic requirements

Who?
What?
Consent to be bound
When and where?
Summary

• Valid acceptance:
  – unambiguous expression of consent to be bound
  – basic criteria fulfilled
  – need the original paper copy
  – no need for coverletter

• Members’ practice

• WTO Depositary (deposit.assist@wto.org) follows WTO depositary practice and UN’s depositary practice
THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS OF BEE

HAVING SEEN AND STUDIED the text of the Trade Facilitation Agreement done in Bali, the Congress of Bee approved the said Agreement through Act 015/2016;

NOTING THAT the said Agreement has been accepted, ratified and confirmed;

WE HEREBY promise that the Agreement will be inviolably observed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have issued the presents signed by us and sealed with the Seal of the President of Congress.

Done in Bea,

Signed: Mr. Bea
President of Congress
Some available guidance

- https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tradfa_e/tradfa_agreement_e.htm

- https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/accept_e.htm
State of play

Protocol amending the Marrakesh Agreement (Trade Facilitation Agreement)
https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tradfa_e/tradfa_agree acc_e.htm

TRIPS amendment Protocol
https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tratop_e/trips_e/amendment_e.htm

Status of Legal Instruments (2015):