## IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019

## The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No IV dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

### **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

# EXTENDING THE UNITED KINGDOM'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION P.2019/19

I: After consideration of the Policy Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, of the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- 1. To agree that the United Kingdom's membership of the World Trade Organization should extend to Guernsey.
- 2. To agree that the States commit to meet the UK's World Trade Organization obligations, on an ongoing basis, and to resolve any issues or disputes promptly in a manner which is consistent with the States of Guernsey's extant policy with regard to international standards, the 2008 Framework for developing the International Identity of Guernsey agreed with the UK Government and protecting the Bailiwick of Guernsey's international reputation.
- 3. To delegate authority to the Policy & Resources Committee to negotiate and agree on behalf of the States, with the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark, all such matters as may be necessary to enable a request to be forwarded by the Policy & Resources Committee, on behalf of all three Bailiwick authorities, to the UK government for the extension of the United Kingdom's membership of the World Trade Organisation to the Bailiwick.
- 4. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee (following the conclusion of suitable agreements with the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark) to send a formal request to the UK Government for the extension.
- 5. To agree that suitable legislative and administrative measures are implemented and adopted, including statutory privileges and immunities relating to the World Trade Organization and its officials, in order to ensure that the extension may have effect.
- 6. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.

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