附表 5：申請加入 ITA 之程序

依據一九九七年十月三十日第二次 ITA 委員會議決議，申請加入 ITA 之程序如次：(摘錄自 G/IT/M/2 會議紀錄)

4.1 Procedures for becoming a participant in the Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products

4.1.1 The Chairman noted that the Committee would need to address the procedures required to deal with applications of WTO Members and acceding countries that wanted to become participants.

4.1.2 On the basis of a text prepared by the Secretariat and commented on by participants, the Committee agreed on the following understanding concerning procedures for becoming a participant:

"Any WTO Member, State or separate customs territory in the process of acceding to the WTO, hereinafter referred to as government, that would like to become a participant to the Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products should send a formal request to the Director-General of the WTO and submit a draft schedule of its commitments for verification. If the draft schedule is in line with the conditions set out in the Ministerial Declaration, it would only need to be verified in the usual way, first informally by the Secretariat* and then in the Committee, and unless there are objections, the government in question could become a participant. If, however, the government in question would want to deviate from the conditions set forth in the Declaration, this would have to be negotiated between the government concerned and the participants before its draft schedule is submitted for verification."

* With respect to verification, if discrepancies were found in the Secretariat verification, they would be communicated to the government concerned as well as to the participants. The government concerned could then correct these discrepancies and the schedule to be circulated would contain a note by the Secretariat to that effect. Alternatively, if the government concerned so desired, the schedule would be circulated as originally submitted with the discrepancies.