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Bhutan became the 12th State Party to the Multilateral Agreement for the Establishment of an International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries with the deposit of the Instrument of Accession today by H.E. Ambassador Doma Tshering, Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the United Nations on behalf of the Royal Government.

Lack of territorial access to the sea, remoteness from international markets and high transportation costs are recognized to impose severe constraints on the overall socio-economic development of the 32 landlocked developing countries. Accession to the Multilateral Agreement marks Bhutan's strong support for institutional frameworks that will strengthen intergovernmental collaboration to advance the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on landlocked developing countries.

The Multilateral Agreement entered into force on 6 October 2017. The legal force for Bhutan will be effectuated on the sixtieth day after the deposit of the Instrument of Accession with the United Nations Secretary General, on 2 June 2018.

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