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CHILEAN SCHEDULE - RENEGOTIATION

Request for Extension of Decision of 30 December 1966

The following communication dated 14 November 1967 has been received from the Government of Chile.

By a Decision of 30 December 1966 (L/2729) the CONTRACTING PARTIES granted Chile a waiver suspending the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Chile to put into force the rates of duty provided in its new tariff.

The waiver stipulated that Chile was to enter into negotiations with the contracting parties interested in possible modifications of the duties bound in Schedule VII. The negotiations or consultations in question were to be completed before 31 December 1967.

In compliance with this stipulation, the Chilean delegation duly gave notice that it was in a position to begin negotiations as of 20 September last.

To this end, in addition to submitting the new customs tariff at the beginning of this year, the Chilean delegation placed at the disposal of the CONTRACTING PARTIES the following documents:

1. the codified Schedule VII, with an indication of the initial negotiators;
2. a schedule correlating the original tariff items under Schedule VII with the corresponding classification in the new nomenclature;
3. Chile's imports of each of the products in Schedule VII;
4. a schedule of offers of concessions which Chile is prepared to grant with a view to establishing its new Schedule VII.

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Apart from this, meetings have been held with various contracting parties for the purpose of drawing up the new schedule of concessions granted by Chile to countries Members of GATT.

Unfortunately, in spite of the efforts made by the Chilean delegation and by the delegations of other interested contracting parties, it is physically impossible to conclude the negotiations in question within the specified time-limit.

In the light of the above, the Chilean delegation would like to ask the CONTRACTING PARTIES to extend the waiver in question until the next session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

The Chilean delegation is confident that the CONTRACTING PARTIES will have no objection to granting the extension requested, seeing that it has complied to the utmost possible extent with the provisions of the Decision referred to above.

Consequently, I would ask the Director-General to be good enough to take the appropriate steps to place the item "Chilean Schedule - Renegotiation" on the agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES so that the Chilean delegation can request this extension.