BRAZILIAN SCHEDULE

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Representative of Brazil in Geneva with the request that this matter be considered at the meeting of the Council on 12 February.

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1.   Upon recommendation by the Council on date of 19 May 1969 (L/3205), the CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement and in accordance with the procedures adopted by them on 1 November 1956, decided to extend until the end of their twenty-sixth session the time-limit provided for in paragraph 3 of the Decision of 27 February 1967 (BISD, Fifteenth Supplement, page 75), suspending the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Brazil to apply the rates of duty provided in its new Customs Tariff, subject, among other conditions, that the Government of Brazil entered into negotiations or consultations pursuant to Article XXVIII.

2.   Notwithstanding the efforts made by Brazil and the various contracting parties concerned and the substantial progress already reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES aimed at terminating these negotiations and consultations, it has not yet been possible to conclude them.

3.   The Brazilian delegation is, at present, engaged in active negotiations with the interested contracting parties, in an effort to finalize them by the end of this month. However, given the short period of time available it may prove materially impossible to conclude them within the time-limit of the present extension of the Brazilian waiver.

4.   Under these circumstances, the Brazilian Government submits that a further extension of the waiver will be necessary in order to complete these negotiations. I would therefore appreciate it very much if you would kindly refer the matter to the consideration of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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