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Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 10 March 1975, has been received from the Resident Representative of India.

I have the honour to refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 30 April 1974, waiving until 31 March 1975, the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of India to apply the temporary auxiliary duty of customs (document L/4026) and to state that in view of the continuing need for resources required for economic development and social welfare programmes the Government of India have decided to continue the levy of the auxiliary duty of customs until 30 June 1976. The rates of the auxiliary duty of customs and the conditions governing its levy remain unchanged. The incidence of the auxiliary duty on almost all items in Schedule XII (India) annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade also continues to be either nil or 5 per cent. The exemption from the auxiliary duty on import of food grains, tallow, books, family planning appliances, raw cotton, agricultural implements, machinery items and a few other selected categories of goods is also being continued. The auxiliary duties for the financial year 1975-76 are being applied on a provisional basis from 1 March 1975 and are subject to approval with or without modifications by Parliament. After Parliament approves the taxation proposals for 1975-76 the final position in the matter will be intimated to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

The communication from the Government of India will be considered by the Council at its meeting on 24 March 1975.

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