GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/6837
12 April 1991
Limited Distribution

URUGUAY - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE XXXI

Extension of Waiver

Decision of 11 April 1991[1]

Considering that the Government of Uruguay, in a communication dated 22 October 1990 (L/6752), has informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it is engaged in a process of simplifying, reducing and harmonizing its import tariff and of adjusting Uruguay's original Schedule of Concessions in the light of the modifications made in the tariff nomenclature and duties;

Noting that the work of adjusting the original schedule of tariff concessions has been completed and was submitted for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in document L/6689/Add.3 dated 28 September 1990;

Considering that Uruguay intends to modify or withdraw a number of the concessions included in Schedule XXXI, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the General Agreement, and that the CONTRACTING PARTIES have been informed of the specific concessions which Uruguay will modify or withdraw in the above-mentioned document;

Considering that in order to allow the Government of Uruguay the process of consultation and renegotiation of Schedule XXXI according to the procedures established under Article XXVIII, the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by a decision dated 7 December 1990[2], suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement;

Taking into account that the Government of Uruguay has conducted relevant consultations with contracting parties in order to begin the corresponding process of negotiation;

Considering that the Government of Uruguay has requested an extension of the waiver until 31 December 1991[3];

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement,

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend until 31 December 1991 the time-limit established in the Decision of 7 December 1990.

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[1]The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 67 votes in favour and none against.

[2]L/6783.

[3]L/6819.