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SENEGAL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XLIX

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 11 November 1991, has been received from the Government of the Republic of Senegal with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-seventh session.

I have the honour to refer to the decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 7 December 1990¹ which authorized the Government of Senegal to suspend, until 31 December 1991, the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement on account of the establishment of a new schedule of tariff concessions.

The responsible authorities therefore established a working group comprising the national services concerned with trade in order to prepare the new schedule and all the related documentation.

However, following the formation of a new Government in April 1991, a commission was set up to study a new fiscal policy, the outcome of which will have to be taken into account in the finalization of the above-mentioned schedule. Furthermore, the application of the new customs tariff based on the Harmonized System, originally intended for the first half of this year, has had to be postponed for reasons beyond our control.

As may be seen, despite the efforts made by the working group which has been meeting assiduously, Senegal has been unable to provide the necessary documentation for the consultations and negotiations provided for by the procedures under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.

The Government of the Republic of Senegal therefore requests a further six-month extension, until 30 June 1992, of the waiver which it was granted under Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement.

To facilitate consideration of this matter, the text of a draft decision is annexed.

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ANNEX

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Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 7 December 1990¹, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of the Republic of Senegal to implement its new tariff resulting from a thorough re-organization and the introduction of the Harmonized System, and thereafter to conduct negotiations;

Noting that, following the formation of a new Government in April 1991, a commission was set up to study a new fiscal policy, of which the outcome will have to be taken into account in the finalization of the schedule for Senegal;

Noting furthermore that the application of the new customs tariff based on the Harmonized System, originally intended for the beginning of this year, has had to be postponed;

Taking into account that the responsible authorities have set up a working group comprising the national services concerned with trade in order to prepare the new schedule and furnish all the necessary documentation;

Observing that despite the efforts of the working group, the Senegalese authorities have not been able to furnish the necessary documentation for the negotiations and consultations provided for by the procedures under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement;

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

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 7 December 1990 until 30 June 1992.

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