

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

L/7061
22 July 1992

Limited Distribution

TARIFFS AND TRADE

PAKISTAN - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XV

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 20 July 1992¹

Considering² that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 29 November 1977², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Pakistan to maintain in force the rates of duty provided in its revised Customs Tariff, subject to certain specified conditions;

Considering that among the conditions mentioned above was the obligation to conduct negotiations or consultations in conformity with paragraphs 1 to 3 of Article XXVIII and to terminate such negotiations or consultations before 31 December 1979;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by successive Decisions, extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations³ to be conducted by the Government of Pakistan until 30 June 1992³;

Noting that the Government of Pakistan has implemented the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) in 1988 and that it has entered into Article XXVIII negotiations in connection with the introduction of the Harmonized System;

Noting that Pakistan is in the process of consulting on its draft schedule in the Harmonized System and that understandings have been reached with some of its trading partners, while consultations are under progress with other trading partners;

Taking into account that the process will take more time until the Schedule of Pakistan can be finalized, the Government of Pakistan has therefore requested a further extension of the time-limit for the conclusion of the negotiations by six months⁴;

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

Decide that the time-limit provided for in paragraph 3 of the Decision of 29 November 1977 shall be extended until 31 December 1992.

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 61 votes in favour and none against.

²BISD 24S/15.

³L/6959.

⁴L/7016.