

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/7071

14 August 1992

Limited Distribution

EGYPT - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE LXIII

Decision of 13 August 1992¹

1. Considering that the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt is engaged in a far-reaching restructuration of its economy²;
2. Considering that the implementation of such a programme was done with the cooperation of international financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank;
3. Noting that Egypt is preparing to adopt the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1993 which will result in significant changes to its tariff;
4. Taking into account that Egypt, in carrying out these reforms, has found itself unable to maintain the level of certain tariff concessions and has therefore requested that, in accordance with Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement, its obligations under Article II of the Agreement be temporarily waived until 30 June 1993;
5. Noting that Egypt undertakes to provide the necessary documentation for the consultations and negotiations provided for under Article XXVIII, with a view to renegotiating the former tariff concessions with the parties concerned;

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

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to suspend the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement in relation to the proposed tariff increases and withdrawals included in Addendum 1 to document L/6986 in order to enable the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt to implement its new tariff, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall engage forthwith in negotiations and consultations with the contracting parties concerned in accordance with Article XXVIII, paragraphs 1-3;

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 68 votes in favour and none against.

²L/6986 and Add.1, 2, 3, 4 and Add.4/Rev.1.

2. The above negotiations and consultations shall be completed by 30 June 1993;
3. Pending the entry into force of the results of the above negotiations or consultations, the other contracting parties shall be free to suspend the concessions initially negotiated with the Arab Republic of Egypt insofar as they consider that the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt does not offer sufficient compensation.