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BOLIVIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXXIV

The following communication, dated 20 August 1992, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia.

The Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and has the honour to inform it that, by Supreme Decree No. 22775 of 8 April 1991, Bolivia adopted the "General Provisions of the Customs Régime for Imports", which includes the implementation of the new customs tariff, based on the common tariff nomenclature of the member States of the Cartagena Agreement (NANDINA).

The nomenclature of this new Tariff is based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and replaces the NABANDINA which was drawn up with reference to the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature (CCCN).

In order to carry fully into practice the guidelines of the new economic policy implemented in Bolivia as from 1985, as well as the international trade commitments undertaken, it was necessary to update the customs rules and procedures and make various adjustments for the effective application of the NANDINA. This process has prevented Bolivia from following the regular GATT procedure before bringing into force the new Customs Tariff based on the Harmonized System.

In order to implement the procedures established by Council Decision of 12 July 1983 for the rectification and renegotiation of the schedules of concessions negotiated in GATT, in the context of the Harmonized System (BISD, 30S/17) and to hold consultations under Article XXVIII, the Government of Bolivia requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement for a period of one year until 31 December 1993.

The documentation necessary for holding the above consultations will be submitted to the GATT Secretariat in the near future.