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The following communication, dated 22 October 1992, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Argentina.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Argentine Republic has completed the transposition of its Customs Tariff Nomenclature from the CCA to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System). Accordingly, the Government of Argentina proceeded to implement the Harmonized System as from 1 January 1992. This decision was based, among other considerations, on the need to speed up this process as practically all our country's trading partners have already implemented the Harmonized System, in accordance with the decision of the Customs Co-operation Council.

The documentation relating to the Harmonized System required in accordance with the procedures under Article XXVIII will be submitted very shortly to the GATT Secretariat and circulated to contracting parties as rapidly as possible.

Argentina wishes to emphasise that, during the conversion process, there has been no modification of product descriptions, tariff rates applied to bound items or initial negotiating rights. Nevertheless, Argentina is prepared to conduct consultations with any interested contracting parties under the procedures established in Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.

Consequently, as the Argentine Harmonized System has been in force since the above-mentioned date, the Argentine Government requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1993.