

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Limited Distribution

BOLIVIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXXIV

Decision of 3 December 1992

Considering that, in a communication dated 20 August 1992,¹ the Government of Bolivia notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES 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);

Considering that this new tariff is based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and replaces the NABANDINA, which was based on the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature (CCCN);

Noting that, in order to carry fully into practice the guidelines of the new economic policy implemented in Bolivia from 1985, as well as the international trading commitments undertaken, it was necessary to update the customs rules and procedures and make various adjustments for the effective application of the NANDINA;

Recognizing that this process has prevented Bolivia from following the regular GATT procedure, before bringing into force the new customs tariff based on the Harmonized System;

Noting that, 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 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 to enable the Government of Bolivia to implement the NANDINA, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Government of Bolivia will promptly enter into negotiations and consultations with interested contracting parties pursuant to paragraphs 1 - 3 of Article XXVIII.

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2. The negotiations and consultations mentioned above shall be completed not later than 31 December 1993.
3. Pending the entry into force of the results of the negotiations or consultations mentioned, the other contracting parties will be free to suspend concessions initially negotiated with Bolivia to the extent that they consider that adequate compensation is not offered by the Government of Bolivia.