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BANGLADESH - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXX

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication dated 17 May 1993 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh.

I have the honour to refer to the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 3 December 1992, as contained in document L/7142, to grant Bangladesh an extension until 30 June 1993 of the waiver from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement in regard to the establishment of a new Schedule LXX.

We are pleased to inform you that we have already circulated the required Harmonized System documentation in document SECRET/HS/29, dated 6 December 1990, and that a number of contracting parties are already in communication with Bangladesh for consultations and negotiations.

Bangladesh has initiated consultations and negotiations with interested contracting parties. However, owing to difficulties of a technical nature and preoccupation with the Uruguay Round, it will not be possible to make visible progress in negotiations by 30 June 1993.

Bangladesh, therefore, requests another extension up to 31 December 1993 to complete the necessary consultations and negotiations in cooperation with concerned contracting parties.