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Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 18 May 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Egypt.

This is in reference to the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 13 August 1992, as contained in document L/7071, to grant Egypt a waiver suspending the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement in relation to the proposed tariff changes in order to enable it to implement its new tariff, and to engage in negotiations and consultations to be completed by 30 June 1993.

Our delegation has the honour to state that we have conducted the first round of negotiations and consultations with regard to our Schedule LXIII, with a number of contracting parties, which have INRs or have expressed a principal supplying or substantial interest. We expect to continue the process during the next few months with other interested contracting parties.

Egypt believes that it will not be possible to complete the process of negotiations and consultations in the time-limit indicated in the aforementioned Decision.

Therefore, Egypt requests the extension of its waiver until 31 December 1993 so as to complete, in a satisfactory manner, the consultations and negotiations with the concerned parties.