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The following communication, dated 6 July 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago.

In accordance with the decision of the Customs Co-operation Council that the CCCN be replaced by the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1988, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago implemented the Harmonized System on 1 January 1991. This action was only one element of a comprehensive trade liberalization program which has included tariff reduction, non-tariff reform and simplification of customs procedures and requirements.

In this respect and in an effort to maintain both the tariff rates and the Initial Negotiating Rights of the bound items, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago guided by the procedures outlined in Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, is preparing the appropriate documentation for circulation to Contracting Parties, as outlined in Document L/5470/Rev.1.

Trinidad and Tobago is ready to enter into consultations and negotiations as required with any interested party in respect of any changes in the Schedule of Concessions as a direct result of the above described conversion to the Harmonised System in accordance with the Council Decision of 12 July 1983.

In light of the above circumstances, Trinidad and Tobago hereby requests a temporary exemption of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for a period of one year, i.e. until 31 July 1994.