

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/7276

20 July 1993

Limited Distribution

### MEXICO - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXVII

#### Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 19 July 1993<sup>1</sup>

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 18 July 1988<sup>2</sup> and successive Decisions, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Mexico to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 July 1988 and subsequently carry out negotiations;

Considering further that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 3 December 1992<sup>3</sup>, extended until 30 June 1993 the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Mexico;

Taking into account that the documentation concerning the Harmonized System required for the negotiations under Article XXVIII was submitted by Mexico and circulated to contracting parties in document SECRET/HS/20 on 16 October 1989;

Considering that the Government of Mexico is conducting negotiations or consultations with interested contracting parties, but that although they are at an advanced stage, it will not be possible to complete them within the period of exemption granted until 30 June 1993;

Considering that the Government of Mexico<sup>4</sup> has requested a further extension of the waiver until 31 December 1993<sup>4</sup>;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement,

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 18 July 1988 until 31 December 1993.

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<sup>1</sup>The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 71 votes in favour and none against.

<sup>2</sup>BISD 35S/351.

<sup>3</sup>L/7144.

<sup>4</sup>L/7227.