

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/7279
20 July 1993

Limited Distribution

SRI LANKA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE VI

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 19 July 1993¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 8 November 1988², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Sri Lanka to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1989 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that, by successive Decisions, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Sri Lanka until 30 June 1993³;

Considering that the relevant Harmonized System documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII has been circulated to contracting parties with document SECRET/HS/26 on 12 January 1990 and that Article XXVIII negotiations with the interested contracting parties are under way;

Considering that, in view of the time constraints, it will not be possible for the Government of Sri Lanka to conclude these negotiations before 30 June 1993;

Noting that the Government of Sri Lanka has requested a further extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1993;⁴

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 8 November 1988 until 31 December 1993.

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 70 votes in favour and none against.

²BISD 35S/22.

³L/7138.

⁴L/7226.