

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/7280

20 July 1993

Limited Distribution

URUGUAY - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE XXXI

Extension of Waiver

Decision of 19 July 1993¹

Considering that the Government of Uruguay, in a communication dated 22 October 1990 (L/6752), informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it is engaged in a process of simplifying, reducing and harmonizing its import tariff and of adjusting Uruguay's original Schedule of concessions in the light of the modifications made in the tariff nomenclature and duties;

Noting that the work of adjusting the original Schedule of concessions has been completed and was submitted for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in document L/6689/Add.3, dated 28 September 1990;

Considering that in order to enable the Government of Uruguay to carry out the process of consultations and renegotiations of Schedule XXXI according to the procedures established under Article XXVIII, the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by a Decision of 7 December 1990², had suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement;

Taking into account that by Executive Decree No. 304/92, dated 1 July 1992, the Government of Uruguay decided to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) as from 1 January 1993, and will transmit the relevant documentation as rapidly as possible;

Noting that for the purposes of this implementation the Government³ of Uruguay has requested an extension of the waiver until 31 December 1993;

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

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit established in the Decision of 7 December 1990 until 31 December 1993.

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

²BISD 37S/295.

³L/7222.