GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/7283 20 July 1993 Limited Distribution

ZAIRE - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE LXVIII

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 19 July 1993

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 5 December 1989², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Zaire to implement its new tariff resulting from the thorough reorganization and the introduction of the harmonized system, and subsequently to conduct negotiations;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by successive Decisions, extended until 30 June 1993 the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Zaire;

Noting that the Government of Zaire has transmitted revised statistical data to the Secretariat for circulation to contracting parties;

Taking into account that it will not be possible for the Government of Zaire to undertake the consultations and negotiations under Article XXVIII by 30 June 1993:

Considering that the Government of Zaire has requested an extension of the exemption until 31 December 1993;

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

<u>Decide</u>, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 5 December 1989 until 1 December 1993.

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

²BISD 36S/435.

³L/7147.

⁴L/7239.