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**ZAMBIA - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE LXXVIII**

**Request for Waiver**

The following communication, dated 5 October 1993, has been received from the Government of Zambia.

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The Government of the Republic of Zambia is currently examining how to update its GATT Schedule LXXVIII that contains the tariff concessions of the defunct Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (ex Schedule XVI). Since Zambia acceded to GATT in February 1982, tariff changes have occurred practically every year without taking into account the concessions that had formed part of the old schedule.

In view of the fact that Zambia has been applying the Harmonized System since 1 January 1988, it is the intention of the authorities to renegotiate without delay Schedule LXXVIII. I therefore, request the CONTRACTING PARTIES to grant the Republic of Zambia a waiver from its obligations under Article II for the period necessary to allow Zambia to carry out renegotiations under the provisions of Article XXVIII, paragraphs 1 to 3.

Zambia is prepared to furnish all the necessary documentation required to carry out negotiations with interested contracting parties. This documentation is being prepared and will be forwarded to the Secretariat for distribution as soon as possible.

With reference to provisions of paragraph 8 of Article XXXVI (Part IV) it is our understanding that, in the course of those negotiations, Zambia will not be expected to make contributions which are inconsistent with Zambia's development, financial and trade needs.