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Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 22 November 1993, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Uruguay.

The Permanent Delegation of Uruguay presents its compliments to the GATT Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision of 19 July 1993 concerning the renegotiation of Schedule XXXI - Uruguay, contained in document L/7280 of 20 July 1993.

As the contracting parties are aware, the Uruguayan authorities have been engaged in a process of reducing and harmonizing the import tariff and of adjusting Uruguay's original schedule of concessions in the light of the modifications made in the tariff nomenclature and duties.

In March 1992, in the framework of the Uruguay Round, Uruguay presented a comprehensive offer which includes products originally bound in Schedule XXXI, and the Government of Uruguay intends to finalize the transposition into the Harmonized System so as to be able to introduce the necessary adjustments together with the results of the Uruguay Round, upon its completion.

For this purpose, the Delegation of Uruguay requests an extension of the waiver which Uruguay has been granted, until 30 June 1994.