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The following communication, dated 3 December 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador.

In accordance with the statement El Salvador made during its process of accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) with respect to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) within a reasonable time from the date of its accession, El Salvador has the honour to inform you that by Resolution No. 66 of 19 February 1993 it adopted the Central American Tariff System (SAC) and began to implement it on 1 March 1993.

The Nomenclature of the Central American Tariff System is based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and replaces the Central American Uniform Tariff Nomenclature (NAUCA II).

In order to implement the procedures established by the Council Decision of 12 July 1983 for the rectification and renegotiation of the schedules of concessions negotiated in GATT, in the context of the Harmonized System (BISD, 30S/17), and to hold consultations under Article XXVIII, the Government of El Salvador requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement for a period of one year until 31 December 1994.

The documentation necessary for holding the above consultations will be submitted shortly to the GATT Secretariat.