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Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 18 July 1988[1], suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Bangladesh to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 July 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that, by successive Decisions, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit of the waiver granted to Bangladesh until 31 December 1993[2];

Considering that the required HS documentation for renegotiations under Article XXVIII has been submitted to the Secretariat and circulated to the contracting parties on 6 December 1990 in document SECRET/HS/29;

Noting that a number of contracting parties have already contacted Bangladesh for consultations and negotiations and that the matter has been referred to the capital for necessary action but because of difficulties of a technical nature, it has not been possible for Bangladesh to carry out these negotiations before 31 December 1993;

Noting that the Government of Bangladesh has, therefore, requested a further extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1994[3];

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

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit, provided for in the Decision of 18 July 1988, until 30 June 1994.

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[1]BISD 35S/348.

[2]L/7272.

[3]L/7350.