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The following communication, dated 6 December 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala.

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and has the honour to refer to the procedure for the transposition into the Harmonized System of its Schedule of Concessions (Schedule LXXXVIII - Guatemala) in the NAUCA II Nomenclature, which was based on the Central American Uniform Tariff Nomenclature.

Guatemala's new Customs Tariff based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System entered into force on 1 March 1993, and replaces the Central American Uniform Tariff Nomenclature.

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 the Republic of Guatemala requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1994. The necessary documentation will be submitted as rapidly as possible to the GATT Secretariat.