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**ISRAEL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XLII**

**Extension of Time-limit**

In conformity with the agreement reached in the Committee on Tariff Concessions of 6 December 1993 regarding the extension of waivers, the following communication, dated 2 June 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Israel.

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On 3 December 1987<sup>1</sup>, the CONTRACTING PARTIES suspended until 30 June 1988 the application of the provision of Article II of the General Agreement, to enable the Government of Israel to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System as of 1 January 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently.

By eight successive Decisions, until 4 December 1991, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit to enable implementation of the Harmonized System.

The documentation with regard to the Harmonized System was submitted to the GATT Secretariat and was circulated as SECRET/HS/31 on 22 January 1992.

At the end of the prescribed 90 days, three requests for consultations under Article XXVIII were received. Those consultations are still in progress.

In order to complete the process under Article XXVIII, four more extensions of the time-limit were granted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the last one on 17 January 1994<sup>2</sup>, extending the time-limit until 30 June 1994.

Due to exceptional circumstances, an extension of the time-limit is requested until 31 December 1994.

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<sup>1</sup>BISD 34S/29.

<sup>2</sup>L/7384.