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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 3 June 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh.

Please refer to your fax No. TS/112 dated 25/5/94 regarding the request for extension of waivers. The information needed for the granting of the waiver is furnished below:

- (1) Date of original waiver: 18 July 1988¹.
- (2) Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 6 December 1990.
- (3) Number of extensions and dates when granted: ten, i.e. 24/7/89; 5/12/89; 16/7/90; 13/12/90; 12/8/91; 4/12/91; 20/7/92; 3/12/92; 19/7/93 and 17/1/94.
- (4) Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: five countries (New Zealand, Norway, Canada, Finland and Australia).
- (5) Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: none.
- (6) Status of outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations, as well as a general outline of relevant problems: modification of tariff rates.
- (7) Outlook for concluding the process: now that the Uruguay Round negotiations have been concluded, we will make every effort to conclude the negotiations as early as possible.

The present waiver for Bangladesh expires on 30 June 1994, and in view of the position explained above, we would request you to kindly allow us a further extension of the waiver up to 31 December 1994.

¹BISD 35S/348.