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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 6 June 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka.

Reference of your fax of 6 June 1994 on the above subject. As requested, I set out below the required information to be submitted to the Committee on Tariff Concessions:

1. Date of original waiver: 8 November 1988¹.
2. Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 12 January 1990.
3. Number of extensions and dates when granted: Nine, i.e. 24.07.1989, 16.07.1990, 07.12.1990, 01.07.1991, 04.12.1991, 20.07.1992, 03.12.1992, 19.07.1993, 17.01.1994.
4. Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: Three (Australia, New Zealand and United States).
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: These negotiations could not be finalized as the delegations concerned were pre-occupied with the Uruguay Round negotiations and the subsequent process leading up to Marrakesh.
7. Outlook for concluding the process: Sri Lanka wishes to assure her trading partners that every effort will be made to conclude these negotiations as early as possible within the next period of extension sought.

In view of time constraints, it may not be possible to conclude these negotiations before the stipulated time-limit, i.e. 30 June 1994. Therefore, considering the above circumstances, the Government of Sri Lanka requests a further extension of the exemption from its obligation under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1994.

¹BISD 35S/22.