

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/7521
22 July 1994
Limited Distribution

(94-1525)

ZAIRE - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE LXVIII

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 21 July 1994¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 5 December 1989², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Zaire to implement its new tariff resulting from the thorough reorganization and the introduction of the Harmonized System, and subsequently to conduct negotiations;

Noting that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by successive Decisions, extended until 30 June 1994³ the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Zaire;

Taking into account that the Government of Zaire has transmitted revised statistical data to the Secretariat for circulation to contracting parties⁴;

Considering that the questions of five delegations under Article XXVIII have been transmitted to the competent authorities of Zaire, who envisage sending a mission to Geneva to hold and conclude discussions there with all the delegations concerned as rapidly as possible and before the end of 1994;

Considering that the Government of Zaire has requested an extension of the waiver until 31 December 1994⁵;

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 5 December 1989 until 31 December 1994.

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 71 votes in favour and none against.

²BISD 36S/435.

³L/7394.

⁴SECRET/332/Add.1.

⁵L/7486.