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ZAIRE - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE LXVIII

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 28 November 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Zaire.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zaire, I have the honour to request a further six-month extension of the waiver granted to Zaire under Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement.

In the context of the renegotiation of its schedule of concessions, Zaire requested and obtained from the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 5 December 1989¹ a waiver of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement. This waiver has been repeatedly renewed so as to enable it to prepare and have circulated all the required documentation. Seven extensions have been granted, on 16 July 1990, 1 July 1991, 4 December 1991, 3 December 1992, 19 July 1993, 17 January 1994, and 21 July 1994.

The concessions to be renegotiated and the statistical data were transmitted to the Secretariat for circulation to Contracting Parties in July 1992 and January 1993 (SECRET/332 and Add.1).

In order to allow the Contracting Parties to study the documentation and negotiate with its delegation, the Government of Zaire requested a further six-month extension until 31 December 1994. However, the negotiations have not yet been completed. The questions of five delegations have been referred 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.

In order to facilitate consideration of this request, a draft Decision is attached.

ANNEX

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Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 5 December 1989¹, 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 31 December 1994² 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 parties³;

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;

Considering that the Government of Zaire has requested an extension of the waiver until 30 June 1995;

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 30 June 1995.

¹BISD 36S/435.

²L/7521.

³SECRET/332 and Add.1.