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BANGLADESH - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXX

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 9 December 1994

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 18 July 1988¹, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Bangladesh to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 July 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Taking into account that, by successive Decisions, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit of the waiver granted to Bangladesh until 31 December 1994²;

Considering that the required HS documentation for renegotiation under Article XXVIII has been submitted to the Secretariat and circulated to the contracting parties on 6 December 1990 in document SECRET/HS/29;

Noting that the Government of Bangladesh has initiated negotiations under Article XXVIII with five countries;

Noting that the Government of Bangladesh has provided responses to questions raised by these five countries and is awaiting their reaction;

Considering that the Government of Bangladesh has, therefore, requested a further extension of the exemption of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1995³;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement,

<u>Decide</u>, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit, provided for in the Decision of 18 July 1988, until 30 June 1995.

¹BISD 35S/348.

²L/7506.

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