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INDONESIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXI

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 8 November 1978, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Indonesia.

On 29 November 1977 the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to suspend until 31 December 1978 the application of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Indonesia to apply the rates of duty contained in its Customs Tariff of 1 February 1973, which might exceed those bound in Schedule XXI, pending the completion of negotiations for modification or withdrawal of concessions in that Schedule subject to the conditions provided for in the Decision of 22 November 1976.

Negotiations with respect to Schedule XXI have been carried out last year by the Indonesian delegation especially appointed for that purpose, but since the beginning of this year priority was given to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, especially with regard to negotiations in the tariff field.

To that effect Indonesia has already submitted offers for tariff concessions, although primarily on a bilateral basis to some developed countries in response to indicative lists of products of interest to them, which are still under negotiations. In these offers are also included some tariff items listed in the previous Schedule XXI. Pending the outcome of these negotiations, it clearly appears that negotiations in the context of the above-mentioned Schedule XXI cannot be concluded before the end of the year.

Under these circumstances the Government of Indonesia requests the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the limit established in paragraph 1 of the Decision of 22 November 1976 be extended with another year.

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