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URUGUAY - IMPORT SURCHARGES

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 3 May 1979, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Uruguay.

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As the CONTRACTING PARTIES already know, Uruguay is engaged in a process of reducing and harmonizing the import tariff through the application of a single customs tax at a basic rate of 25 per cent on the value for customs purposes (L/4646) and through the progressive and gradual reduction of the overall rates charged on imports over a period of five years, as from 1 January 1980 (Decree 736/978).

Included in this framework is the system of import surcharges (L/4645), the maximum levels of which have been further reduced (Decree 736/978).

In view of these measures constituting a continuing improvement of Uruguay's tariff policy, an extension is requested of the authorization granted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES for the application of surcharges by Uruguay until 31 December 1979, in terms of the decision adopted by the Council at its 126th meeting last year (L/4688).

Meanwhile the consultations between Uruguay and the secretariat will continue with a view to rectification of Schedule XXXI in accordance with the provisions mentioned above.