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TURKEY - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE STAMP DUTY WAIVER

The following communication, dated 1 October 1979, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Turkey.

With reference to the decision of 17 April 1978 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/4657) waiving the provisions of Article II:1 of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to allow the Government of Turkey to maintain the stamp duty on imports into Turkey of products included in Schedule XXXVII, and taking into account that the validity of that decision will expire on 31 December 1979, I have the honour to inform you that the Turkish authorities are requesting an extension of the above-mentioned waiver, in order to be able to maintain the stamp duty until the end of the fourth Five-Year Development Plan.

In view of the fact that consultations on the import restrictions introduced by Turkey for balance-of-payments reasons will take place at the next meeting of the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions between 30 October and 9 November, I would request you kindly to arrange for the request by the Turkish authorities to be included in the agenda of that Committee.

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