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Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 24 February 1983, has been received from the Permanent Mission of India.

1. I have the honour to refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 5 May 1982 (L/5316) to waive until 31 March 1983, the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of India to apply the temporary auxiliary duty of customs. In view of the continuing difficult financial resources position, the Government of India would need to continue to levy auxiliary duty of customs for a further period of one year from April 1983, subject to the approval of Parliament. In view of the confidentiality of the budget preparation exercise, necessary details of the proposals being placed before the Indian Parliament through the Finance Bill of 1983 are not yet available.

2. Since the Council is meeting on 9 March 1983, I would be grateful if the request of my Government for the extension of the waiver for another year be placed before the CONTRACTING PARTIES. This communication is being sent in order to give contracting parties sufficient notice. A further communication will follow immediately after the specific proposals are placed before the Parliament through the Finance Bill 1983 which is scheduled to be presented on 28 February 1983.

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