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Request for Extension of Waiver

Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 March 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of India.

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1. I have the honour to refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 11 April 1983 (L/5474) to waive until 31 March 1984, 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, and further to refer to our letter dated 24 February 1984 (L/5624) indicating the request of the Government of India for an extension of the waiver for another year, i.e. until 31 March 1985.
 2. As indicated in document L/5474, 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. Proposals placed before the Indian Parliament through the Finance Bill of 1984 stipulate maintenance at existing levels of auxiliary duty of customs on the GATT-bound items.
 3. I might mention that in spite of various measures taken and proposed to be taken by the Government of India to raise additional revenue, the resources situation has remained difficult. Continuance of auxiliary duties, therefore, has become unavoidable and I would request that the extension of the waiver be granted to the Government of India for another year on existing terms and conditions.