

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/5638  
18 April 1984  
Limited Distribution

## INDIA - AUXILIARY DUTY OF CUSTOMS

### Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 16 April 1984<sup>1</sup>

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES by Decision of 15 November 1973<sup>2</sup>, 30 April 1974<sup>3</sup>, 5 May 1975<sup>4</sup>, 30 July 1976<sup>5</sup>, 31 August 1977<sup>6</sup>, 28 June 1978<sup>7</sup>, 30 April 1979<sup>8</sup>, 30 April 1980<sup>9</sup>, 13 April 1981<sup>10</sup>, 3 May 1982<sup>11</sup> and 11 April 1983<sup>12</sup> waived until 31 March 1984 the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of India to apply the auxiliary duty of customs, as notified in documents L/3934 and L/4007, on the items included in Schedule XII - India;

Considering that the Government of India has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the resource situation remains difficult in spite of various measures taken and proposed to be taken by it and that therefore a continuance of the auxiliary duty of customs has become unavoidable;

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<sup>1</sup>The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 57 votes in favour and none against.

<sup>2</sup>BISD 20S/26

<sup>3</sup>BISD 21S/25

<sup>4</sup>BISD 22S/12

<sup>5</sup>BISD 23S/6

<sup>6</sup>BISD 24S/14

<sup>7</sup>BISD 25S/11

<sup>8</sup>BISD 26S/226

<sup>9</sup>BISD 27S/11

<sup>10</sup>BISD 28S/19

<sup>11</sup>BISD 29S/25

<sup>12</sup>L/5474

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Considering that the Government of India has requested the extension of the time-limit of the waiver for another year;

Noting that proposals placed before the Indian Parliament through the Financial Bill of 1984 stipulate maintenance at existing levels of auxiliary duty of customs on GATT-bound items;

Noting the assurance of the Government of India that it will, upon request, promptly enter into consultations with any contracting party which considers that serious damage to its interests is caused or imminently threatened by the auxiliary duty;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement and in accordance with the procedures adopted by them on 1 November 1956,

Decide that the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 15 November 1973 shall be extended until 31 March 1985.