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Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 3 October 1985, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Turkey.

By their Decision of 21 November 1983¹, the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to relieve the Government of Turkey of the obligations laid down in Article II:1 of the General Agreement, so as to allow it to maintain the stamp duty on imports into Turkey of products included in Schedule XXXVII. Considering that the validity of that Decision will expire on 31 December 1985, I have the honour to inform you that the Turkish authorities request an extension of that Decision in order to be able to maintain until 31 December 1987 the stamp duty, the rate of which was raised to 4 per cent on 19 June 1985. I would be grateful if you would take the necessary action to have the contents of this communication circulated to the contracting parties and to have the Turkish authorities' request placed on the agenda for one of the forthcoming meetings of the Council.

¹ BISD, Thirtieth Supplement, page 11