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YUGOSLAVIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LVII

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication dated 26 May 1988 has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents its compliments to the GATT Secretariat and has the honour to inform it that in conformity with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 3 December 1987 (L/6285), the Government of Yugoslavia has entered into negotiations and consultations with interested contracting parties pursuant to Article XXVIII:1-3 in order to establish a new Schedule LVII in Harmonized System nomenclature.

The relevant documentation (SECRET/HS/16) was distributed on 7 December 1987. Questions and comments have been received from only three interested contracting parties, but rather late and in some cases in an incomplete form. Additional checking of the documentation has revealed some technical errors which have been made in the process of transposition, translation and printing of the extensive documentation. It was therefore impossible to complete negotiations and consultations and to submit the new Schedule LVII by 30 June 1988.

For the above-noted reasons and pursuant to Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement, due to exceptional circumstances, the Government of Yugoslavia would request that the suspension of the application of Article II be prolonged until 31 December 1988.

It should be recalled once more that in the transposition of the CCCN Schedule, the Government of Yugoslavia has fully observed the methods agreed in document L/5470/Rev.1 as well as the principles of the CCC Convention and Protocol. The difficulties which have arisen and which constitute the reason for requesting the extension of the waiver are purely of a technical nature.