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### MEXICO - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXVII

The following communication dated 2 June 1988 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Mexico with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the next meeting of the Council.

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I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Mexico has recently completed the process of transposing its Customs Tariff from the CCC Nomenclature to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System). In the light of the completion of the Harmonized System transposition, the Government of Mexico has also decided that its implementation will begin on 1 July 1988. This decision has been based on the fact that a number of its trading partners have put into force the Harmonized System on 1 January 1988, or will be doing so in the near future, in line with the decision made by the Customs Cooperation Council.

The Harmonized System documentation required under the procedures of Article XXVIII will be submitted to the GATT secretariat very shortly and will be circulated to the contracting parties as soon as possible.

Mexico wishes to emphasize that in the process of conversion, there have been no changes either in product descriptions, tariff rates of bound items or Initial Negotiating Rights. However, Mexico is prepared to enter into consultations with any interested contracting parties. In view of the time constraint, it will not be possible for Mexico to conduct consultations under the procedures of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement before the scheduled date of implementation of the Harmonized System.

In order to enable Mexico to implement the Harmonized System on 1 July 1988, Mexico therefore requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1988.