

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### MALAYSIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXXIX

#### Extension of time-limit

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

I have the honour to refer to the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 3 December 1987 as contained in document L/6286 to suspend the application of the provision of Article II of the General Agreement in regard to the new Schedule XXXIX of Malaysia until 30 June 1988 to allow for the renegotiations as a result of the transposition to the Harmonized System (HS) in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.

The HS documents were submitted to this office in the early part of this year but due to a number of technical problems, the documentation had to be revised. The relevant authorities in Malaysia are in the final stages of revising the documentation and hope to circulate it to contracting parties as soon as possible.

To allow Malaysia to submit the documentation necessary for the consultations and negotiations with interested contracting parties in accordance with paragraphs 1 - 3 of Article XXVIII, the Government of Malaysia hereby requests a temporary extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1988.