GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

L/6429 11 November 1988 Limited Distribution

TARIFFS AND TRADE

ISRAEL

Establishment of a new Schedule XLII

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 8 November 1988

<u>Considering</u> that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 18 July 1988¹, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Israel to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

<u>Considering</u> that intensive work is being carried out by the competent authorities in Israel in order to prepare the required Harmonized System documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII.

<u>Noting</u> that, owing to technical difficulties, it has not yet been possible for the Government of Israel to complete and distribute the required documentation as foreseen, and carry out negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII before the expiry date;

Noting that the required documentation according to the guidelines provided for in document L/5470/Rev.1 is in an advanced stage of preparation and that it is hoped to circulate it as soon as possible;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement,

<u>Decide</u>, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit, provided for in the Decision of 18 July 1988, until 30 June 1989.

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