TARIFFS AND TRADE

MALAYSIA

Establishment of a new Schedule XXXIX

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 8 November 1988

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 18 July $1988^{\frac{1}{2}}$, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Malaysia to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that intensive work has been carried out by the competent authorities in Malaysia in order to prepare the required Harmonized System documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII.

Noting that, owing to technical difficulties, it has not yet been possible for the Government of Malaysia 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 is being finalized and will be submitted to the secretariat by mid-November for circulation to all contracting parties;

Considering that Malaysia will need an additional period of time to carry out negotiations and consultations with interested contracting parties in accordance with paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII;

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.