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Extension of time-limit

The following communication dated 10 May 1989 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka.

I have the honour to refer to our communication contained in document L/6409 dated 7 October 1988 concerning the request of our Government for a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1989, and the Decision by the Contracting Parties of 8 November 1988 (L/6433) to this effect.

The relevant authorities in Sri Lanka are presently working on the transposition of Sri Lanka's schedule of tariff concessions into the Harmonized System. However, owing to technical difficulties, it will not be possible to complete the requested documentation and carry out the negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII before the time-limit expires, i.e. 30 June 1989.

The Government of Sri Lanka, therefore, requests an extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 29 December 1989.