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## ISRAEL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XLII

### Extension of time-limit

The following communication dated 1 June 1989 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Israel with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the Council at its meeting of 21-22 June 1989.

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Following the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 8 November 1988 to extend until 30 June 1989 the suspension of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement with regard to Israel's new Schedule XLII (L/6429), intensive work is being carried out by the competent authorities in Israel in order to prepare the Harmonized System documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.

However, due to technical difficulties, it has not yet been possible to complete and distribute it to the contracting parties as foreseen.

The required documentation according to the guidelines provided for in document L/5470/Rev.1 is in the final stage of preparation, and it is hoped that it will be circulated to contracting parties as soon as possible.

In order to enable Israel to finalize the necessary documentation for the negotiations and consultations with interested contracting parties in accordance with paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII, the Government of Israel therefore requests a temporary extension of the exemption from its obligation under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1989.