

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/6546

25 July 1989

Limited Distribution

MALAYSIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXXIX

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 24 July 1989¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 3 December 1987², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1988 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, by their Decisions of 18 July 1988³ and 8 November 1988⁴, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Malaysia until 30 June 1989;

Noting that the required Harmonized System documentation for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII was circulated to all contracting parties on 2 February 1989 and that, as a consequence, a number of requests for consultations and negotiations have been made;

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,

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 18 July until 31 December 1989.

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 60 votes in favour and none against.

²BISD 34S/30.

³L/6376.

⁴L/6431.