

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

L/6547
25 July 1989

Limited Distribution

TARIFFS AND TRADE

MEXICO - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXVII

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 24 July 1989¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 18 July 1988², suspended until 31 December 1988 the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Mexico to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 July 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that, by its Decision of 8 November 1988³, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Mexico until 1 July 1989;

Considering that intensive work has been carried out by the competent authorities in Mexico 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 Mexico 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 Government of Mexico is doing its utmost to solve the remaining problems and finalize the required documentation according to the established guidelines with a view to distributing it to all contracting parties as soon as possible;

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 1988 until 31 December 1989.

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

²L/6377.

³L/6432.