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Extension of time-limit

The following communication dated 17 May 1990 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 14 June 1990.

Following the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 5 December 1989 to extend until 30 June 1990 the suspension of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement with regard to Israel's new Schedule XLII (L/6618), 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. The requested documentation is at the final stage of completion and will be submitted 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 obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1990.