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Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication dated 25 May 1990 has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines.

Reference is made to the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 6 December 1989, as contained in document L/6613, to grant the Government of the Philippines an extension until 30 June 1990 in the time-limit of the waiver from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement in regard to the establishment of the documentation of the new Schedule LXXV. Following the submission of the proposed Harmonized System documentation which has been circulated in document SECRET/HS/24, the Government of the Philippines wishes to inform that consultations and negotiations are still on-going with concerned contracting parties who have reserved their rights under GATT Article XXVIII.

The Government of the Philippines believes that it will not be possible to complete the said consultations and negotiations by 30 June 1990.

The Government of the Philippines is therefore requesting another extension up to 31 December 1990 to complete the consultations and negotiations in co-operation with concerned contracting parties.