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Extension of time-limit

The following communication dated 28 May 1990 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Malaysia with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the Council at its next meeting.

I have the honour to refer to the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at its Forty-fifth Session as contained in document L/6615 to suspend the application of the provision of Article II of the General Agreement in regard to the new Schedule XXXIX of Malaysia until 30 June 1990 to allow for the renegotiations as a result of the transposition to the Harmonized System (HS) in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.

The HS documents were circulated to all contracting parties on 2 February 1989 with document SECRET/HS/23 and, as a consequence, a number of requests for consultations and negotiations have been made.

Malaysia has initiated consultations with some interested contracting parties. To allow Malaysia the necessary period of time to conclude the consultations and negotiations in accordance with paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII, the Government of Malaysia hereby requests a temporary extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1990.