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Communication from the Republic of Zaire

The following communication dated 31 May 1990 has been received from the Government of the Republic of Zaire with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the Council at its next meeting.

With reference to Request No. 140.4/000737/89 of the Government of the Republic of Zaire and Decision L/6620 of 5 December 1989 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES suspending the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1990, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Zaire has undertaken the preparation of the necessary documentation for the negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII but has been unable to complete it within the established time-limit.

Nevertheless, in view of the degree of preparation reached in the production of this documentation (finalization of the new customs tariff is up-to-date to March 1990), the Government of the Republic of Zaire requests the CONTRACTING PARTIES to grant it an extension of the waiver until 30 June 1991.

As soon as the documentation has been circulated, which will be done as rapidly as possible, the Government of the Republic of Zaire undertakes to engage in negotiations and consultations with the Contracting Parties as provided for under Article XXVIII.