

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/6708

17 July 1990

Limited Distribution

PAKISTAN - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XV

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 16 July 1990¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 29 November 1977², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Pakistan to maintain in force the rates of duty provided in its revised Customs Tariff, subject to certain specified conditions;

Considering that among the conditions mentioned above was the obligation to conduct negotiations or consultations in conformity with paragraphs 1 to 3 of Article XXVIII and to terminate such negotiations or consultations before 31 December 1979;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by successive decisions, extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Pakistan until 30 June 1990³;

Noting that the Government of Pakistan has also advised that it implemented the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) in 1988 and that it will have to enter into another series of Article XXVIII negotiations in connection with the introduction of the Harmonized System;

Considering that the Government of Pakistan has indicated that a new schedule of concessions in the Harmonized System nomenclature, taking into account the negotiations and consultations already carried out, will be finalized after the required negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII with interested contracting parties;

Noting that Pakistan is in the process of consulting on its draft schedule in the Harmonized System and that understandings have been reached with some of its trading partners, while consultations were under progress with other trading partners;

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 57 votes in favour and none against.

²BISD 24S/15.

³L/6617.

Taking into account that the process will take more time until the Schedule of Pakistan can be finalized, and that the Government of Pakistan has therefore requested a further extension of the time-limit for the conclusion of the negotiations by six months⁴;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement,

Decide that the time-limit provided for in paragraph 3 of the Decision of 29 November 1977 shall be extended until 31 December 1990.

⁴L/6683.