

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/6709

17 July 1990

Limited Distribution

PHILIPPINES - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXV

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 16 July 1990¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 13 March 1989², suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of the Philippines to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 19 October 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Noting that the required HS documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII has been submitted by the Philippines and circulated to contracting parties in document SECRET/HS/24 on 25 April 1989;

Considering that the Government of the Philippines is presently carrying out negotiations and consultations with the interested contracting parties under Article XXVIII;

Considering that it will, however, not be possible for the Government of the Philippines to terminate these negotiations or consultations before 30 June 1990; and

Considering that the Government of the Philippines has requested an extension of the waiver until 31 December 1990³;

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

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit, provided for in the Decision of 13 March 1989, until 31 December 1990.

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 58 votes in favour and none against.

²L/6480.

³L/6682.