

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/6711

17 July 1990

Limited Distribution

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### ZAIRE - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVIII

#### Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 16 July 1990<sup>1</sup>

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 5 December 1989<sup>2</sup>, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of the Republic of Zaire to implement its new tariff resulting from a thorough reorganization and the introduction of the Harmonized System and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Noting 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;

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Zaire has requested an extension of the waiver until 30 June 1991<sup>3</sup>;

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to waive the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement in order to enable the Government of the Republic of Zaire to implement its new tariff, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Government of the Republic of Zaire shall engage forthwith in negotiations and consultations with the contracting parties concerned in accordance with Article XXVIII, paragraphs 1-3;
2. The above negotiations and consultations shall be completed by 30 June 1991;
3. Pending the entry into force of the results of the above negotiations or consultations, the other contracting parties shall be free to suspend the concessions initially negotiated with the Republic of Zaire in so far as they consider that the Government of the Republic of Zaire does not offer sufficient compensation.

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<sup>1</sup>The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 56 votes in favour and none against.

<sup>2</sup>L/6620.

<sup>3</sup>L/6688.