GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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ISRAEL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XLII

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 7 December 1990¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 3 December 1987², suspended until 30 June 1988 the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Israel to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

<u>Considering</u> that, by successive Decisions, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Israel until 31 December 1990³;

<u>Considering</u> that intensive work is being carried out by the competent authorities in Israel in order to prepare the required Harmonized System documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII;

Noting that a document has been submitted to the secretariat for its examination in order to enable Israel to accurately complete the necessary Harmonized System documentation;

<u>Considering</u> that the Government of Israel has requested a further extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1991;

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

<u>Decide</u>, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit, provided for in the Decision of 8 November 1988, until 30 June 1991.

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

²BISD 345/29.

³L/6705.

⁴L/6754.