

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/6780

10 December 1990

Limited Distribution

### PAKISTAN - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XV

#### Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 7 December 1990<sup>1</sup>

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 29 November 1977<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 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 31 December 1990<sup>3</sup>;

Noting that the Government of Pakistan has implemented the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) in 1988 and that it has entered into Article XXVIII negotiations in connection with the introduction of the Harmonized System;

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;

Taking into account that the process will take more time until the Schedule of Pakistan can be finalized, the Government of Pakistan has therefore requested a further extension of the time-limit for the conclusion of the negotiations by six months<sup>4</sup>;

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 30 June 1991.

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<sup>1</sup>The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 64 votes in favour and none against.

<sup>2</sup>BISD 24S/15.

<sup>3</sup>L/6708.

<sup>4</sup>L/6753.