

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/6781

10 December 1990

Limited Distribution

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### SRI LANKA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE VI

#### Extension of Time-Limit

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

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 8 November 1988<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 Sri Lanka to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1989 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that, by successive Decisions, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to<sup>3</sup> be conducted by the Government of Sri Lanka until 31 December 1990<sup>3</sup>;

Considering that the relevant Harmonized System documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII has been circulated to contracting parties with document SECRET/HS/26 on 12 January 1990 and that the Government of Sri Lanka has already started carrying out negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII with the interested contracting parties;

Considering that, due to pending reservations of some contracting parties, it has not been possible for the Government of Sri Lanka to terminate these negotiations and consultations before 31 December 1990;

Noting that, under these circumstances, the Government of Sri Lanka has requested a further extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1991<sup>4</sup>;

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 8 November 1988, 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 35S/22.

<sup>3</sup>L/6684.

<sup>4</sup>L/6749.