

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/6783

10 December 1990

Limited Distribution

URUGUAY - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE XXXI

Decision of 7 December 1990¹

Considering that the Government of Uruguay, in a communication dated 22 October 1990 (L/6752) has informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it is engaged in a process of simplifying, reducing and harmonizing its import tariff and of adjusting Uruguay's original Schedule of Concessions in the light of the modifications made in the tariff nomenclature and duties;

Noting that the work of adjusting the original schedule of tariff concessions has been completed and was submitted for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in document L/6689/Add.3 dated 28 September 1990;

Considering that Uruguay intends to modify or withdraw a number of the concessions included in Schedule XXXI, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the General Agreement and that the CONTRACTING PARTIES have been informed of the specific concessions which Uruguay will modify or withdraw in the above-mentioned document;

Taking into account the foregoing, and in order to allow the usual process of consultations and renegotiations of Schedule XXXI according to the procedures established under Article XXVIII, Uruguay requests a temporary suspension of its obligations under Article II until 31 March 1991;

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

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances to suspend the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Uruguay to adjust its schedule of tariff concessions to take into account the new rates resulting from the reform of its Customs Tariff, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Government of Uruguay will promptly enter into negotiations and consultations with interested contracting parties pursuant to paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII.
2. The negotiations and consultations mentioned above shall be completed not later than 31 March 1991.

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

3. Pending the entry into force of the results of the negotiations and consultations mentioned above, the other contracting parties will be free to suspend concessions initially negotiated with Uruguay to the extent that they consider that adequate compensation is not offered by the Government of Uruguay.