

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Limited Distribution

SENEGAL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XLIX

Decision of 7 December 1990¹

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Senegal has informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that since 1985 it has been engaged in a process of thoroughly reorganizing its tariff of import duties and taxes²;

Considering that this tax reform has become necessary as a result of the undertakings entered into by the Government of the Republic of Senegal with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in the context of its structural adjustment programme;

Noting that, as it is preparing to adopt the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), the Government of the Republic of Senegal has also made other major changes in its tariff of import duties and taxes;

Taking into account that the Republic of Senegal, in carrying out these reforms, has found itself unable to maintain the level of tariff concessions originally granted and has therefore requested that, in accordance with Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement, its obligations under Article II of the Agreement be temporarily waived until 31 December 1991;

Noting furthermore that the responsible national services are engaged in transposing the tariff from the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature (CCCN) into the Harmonized System (HS) and that the Government of the Republic of Senegal undertakes to provide the necessary documentation for the consultations and negotiations provided for under Article XXVIII with a view to renegotiating the former tariff concessions with the parties concerned;

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 in order to enable the Government of the Republic of Senegal to implement its new tariff, subject to the following conditions:

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

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1. The Government of the Republic of Senegal 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 31 December 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 Senegal in so far as they consider that the Government of the Republic of Senegal does not offer sufficient compensation.