

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

L/6788

14 December 1990

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Limited Distribution

PHILIPPINES - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXV

Decision of 13 December 1990

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 13 March 1989¹, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of the Philippines to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 19 October 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that, by Decision of 16 July 1990, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to² be conducted by the Government of the Philippines until 31 December 1990²;

Noting that the required HS documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII has been submitted by the Philippines and circulated to contracting parties in document SECRET/HS/24 on 25 April 1989;

Considering that the Government of the Philippines has completed consultations satisfactorily with two contracting parties and that negotiations are still on-going with three contracting parties which have reserved their rights under Article XXVIII;

Considering that it will, however, not be possible for the Government of the Philippines to terminate the negotiations or consultations before 31 December 1990; and

Considering that the Government of the Philippines has requested an extension of the waiver until 30 June 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 extend the time-limit, provided for in the Decision of 13 March 1989, until 30 June 1991.

¹BISD 36S/431.

²L/6709.