

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COLOMBIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXVI

Decision of 13 December 1990

Considering that, in a communication dated 30 November 1990, the Government of Colombia notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the governments of the member countries of the Andean Group had agreed that the Common Tariff Nomenclature of the member States of the Cartagena Agreement (NANDINA), based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) should replace the NABANDINA, which was based on the Customs Co-Operation Council Nomenclature (CCCN);

Considering that, since it was necessary to make a number of internal adjustments in Colombia in order to implement the new nomenclature, the Government of Colombia has decided to bring the NANDINA into force on 1 January 1991;

Recognizing that, in view of time constraints, it will not be possible for Colombia to conduct consultations under the procedures of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement before the entry into force of the NANDINA;

Noting that the documentation necessary for holding consultations under Article XXVIII will be submitted to the GATT Secretariat in the near future and will be circulated to the contracting parties as soon as possible;

Further noting that in order to implement the NANDINA on 1 January 1991 the Government of Colombia is requesting a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 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 Colombia to implement, on 1 January 1991, the NANDINA, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Government of Colombia 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 December 1991.
3. Pending the entry into force of the results of the negotiations or consultations mentioned above, the other contracting parties will be free to suspend concessions initially negotiated with Colombia to the extent that they consider that adequate compensation is not offered by the Government of Colombia.