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**RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULES**

**Schedule XII - India**

The following communication, dated 19 October 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of India.

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On 13 October 1993, I forwarded to you the results of negotiations of India's Schedule XII under Article XXVIII of GATT with its trading partners.<sup>1</sup> The completion of these negotiations now makes it possible for India to fulfil the requirements relating to submission of consolidated schedule of concessions in loose-leaf form as well as formalities for introduction of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS). Accordingly, I enclose the following information:<sup>2</sup>

- (a) A consolidated schedule of proposed concessions incorporating the results of recently concluded Article XXVIII renegotiations (Annex I);
- (b) The existing schedule of concessions in the old nomenclature (Annex II);
- (c) The existing schedule of concessions in HS nomenclature prior to Article XXVIII renegotiations (Annex III);
- (d) Concordance table from the old nomenclature into the Harmonized System (Annex IV);
- (e) Concordance table from the Harmonized System into the old nomenclature (Annex V).

It may be noted that there is no proposal for changes in rates of duty or in INR status. Consequently, trade data has not been furnished and no renegotiations have been envisaged.

India introduced the HS on 1 March 1986. While introducing the HS, the Indian authorities had fully exempted from its application the tariff items which were covered by GATT bindings. The fact that the majority of tariff commitments made by India in the past were in respect of ex-positions, made such exemptions possible. In a sense, the introduction of the HS was partial; the tariff descriptions, along with the related tariff levels which were bound, remained unchanged.

If no objection is notified to the Secretariat within three months from the date of this document, Schedule XII - India will be deemed to be approved and will be formally certified in loose-leaf format.

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<sup>1</sup>Circulated in SECRET/342.

<sup>2</sup>English only.