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SENEGAL - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE XLIX

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 3 November 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Senegal.

Pursuant to its decision to renegotiate its Schedule of GATT tariff concessions, Senegal requested and obtained from the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 7 December 1990 a waiver of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement, which has been repeatedly renewed so as to enable it to prepare and distribute the required documentation.

Consequently, the following documents were distributed to the contracting parties:

- Annex I: Existing Schedule in CCCN
- Annex II: Proposed Schedule in the Harmonized System
- Annex III: Concordance table: existing Schedule and proposed Schedule
- Annex IV: Concordance table: proposed Schedule and existing Schedule
- Annex V: List of withdrawals

This documentation in question was supplemented by statistics on Senegal's trade in 1989-90 and 1991, which were transmitted to the contracting parties on 18 November 1993.

In order to allow the contracting parties to study the documentation and negotiate with its delegation, the Government of Senegal requested a further six-month extension, until 31 December 1994. However, the negotiations have not yet been completed. The questions of two delegations have been referred to the competent Senegalese authorities, who envisage sending a mission to Geneva to hold and conclude discussions there with all the delegations concerned. This delegation is still awaited.

I therefore request a further six-month extension of the waiver granted to Senegal under Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement.

To facilitate consideration of this matter, the text of a draft Decision is annexed.

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ANNEX

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Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 7 December 1990¹, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of the Republic of Senegal to implement its new tariff resulting from a thorough reorganization of the table of duties and fees in its customs tariff and the introduction of the Harmonized System, and thereafter to conduct negotiations;

Noting that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by successive decisions, extended until 31 December 1994² the time-limit established for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Senegal;

Taking into account that Senegal has submitted the documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII;

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Senegal envisages sending a mission to Geneva to hold and conclude discussions there with all the contracting parties concerned;

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Senegal¹ has requested a further extension until 30 June 1995, in order to complete the negotiations and consultations provided for by the procedures under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement;

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 until 30 June 1995 the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 7 December 1990.

¹BISD 37S/295

²L/7519