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## ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

#### *Addendum*

The following communication, dated 15 October 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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Due to the fact that the Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) was effective on 12 August 2015<sup>1</sup>, and in view of ensuring that Members reserve their rights pending the communication to the WTO Secretariat of the agreements reached in the context of Article XXIV:6 (GATT), the Kyrgyz Republic believes that it is desirable to provide for a further extension of twelve months, i.e. 12 February 2021.

As a consequence, and in continuation of the Kyrgyz Republic's notification of 16 April 2015 (G/SECRET/38) concerning its accession to the EAEU, the Kyrgyz Republic wishes hereby to inform that it will not assert that WTO Members who have submitted a claim pursuant to Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994 are precluded from withdrawing substantially equivalent concessions under Article XXVIII:3 of the GATT 1994 because this withdrawal occurs later than six months after the Kyrgyz Republic's withdrawal of concessions (12 August 2015), provided that the claiming WTO Member withdraws concessions no later than 66 months after the Kyrgyz Republic's modification of concessions.

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<sup>1</sup> See document G/L/1137/Add.1, paragraph 2.