INDONESIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXI

Extension of Time-Limit

The Government of Indonesia, in a communication dated 28 October 1980 (L/5060), has requested an extension of the time-limit prescribed in the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 22 November 1976 to waive the obligations under Article II of the General Agreement. The following draft decision is circulated in order to facilitate the consideration by the Council of the Indonesian request.

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 22 November 1976 suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Indonesian Government to maintain in force its new Customs Tariff, subject to certain specified conditions;

Considering that among the conditions mentioned above was the obligation to conduct negotiations or consultations in conformity with the principles of Article XXVIII, while the detailed procedural requirements of this Article would not apply, and to terminate such negotiations or consultations before 31 December 1977;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decisions of 29 November 1977, 27 November 1978 and 29 February 1980 extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Indonesia until 31 December 1978, 31 December 1979 and 31 December 1980 respectively;

Considering that consultations and negotiations have been undertaken since 1977 but that during the last stages of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations priority was directed towards negotiations in the framework of the MIN;

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Considering that subsequently the Government of Indonesia has continued carrying out negotiations and consultations and has reached agreement with one of its main trading partners, and that it expects to conclude negotiations and consultations with other interested governments in the course of 1981;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement,

Decide that the time-limit provided for in paragraph 1 of the Decision of 22 November 1976 shall be extended until 31 December 1981.