PAKISTAN - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE

Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

An extension of the time-limit prescribed in the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 29 November 1977 to waive the obligations under Article II of the General Agreement has been requested by the Government of Pakistan in a communication dated 25 September 1985 (L/5875). The following draft decision is circulated in order to facilitate the consideration by the Council of the request from Pakistan.

Considering, that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 29 November 1977, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Pakistan to maintain in force the rates of duty provided in its revised 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 paragraphs 1 to 3 of Article XXVIII and to terminate such negotiations or consultations before 31 December 1979;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES by Decisions of 27 November 1979, of 25 November 1980, of 24 November 1981, of 22 November 1982, of 7 November 1983 and of 30 November 1984, extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Pakistan until 31 December 1985;

Considering that the Government of Pakistan has notified that negotiations had been completed with two contracting parties and had advanced with others but that it will not be possible to conclude these negotiations and consultations by the date specified;

Considering that the Government of Pakistan has therefore requested an extension of the time-limit for the conclusion of the negotiations by one year;

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 3 of the Decision of 29 November 1977 shall be extended until 31 December 1986.

1 BISD 24S/15
2 BISD 26S/227
3 BISD 27S/14
4 BISD 28S/21
5 BISD 29S/26
6 BISD 30S/10
7 BISD 31S/19