MEXICO - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXVII

Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 18 July 19881 and successive decisions, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Mexico to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 July 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that, by its Decision of 24 July 19892, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Mexico until 31 December 1989;

Taking into consideration that the required HS documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII has been submitted by Mexico and circulated to contracting parties in document SECRET/HS/20 on 16 October 1989;

Considering that the Government of Mexico will enter into negotiations or consultations with interested contracting parties as soon as possible;

Considering that it will, however, not be possible for the Government of Mexico to terminate the negotiations or consultations before 31 December 1989; and

Considering that the Government of Mexico has requested a further extension of the waiver until 30 June 1990 (L/6584);

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 the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 8 November 1988 until 30 June 1990.

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1 L/6377
2 L/6547