TURKEY - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXXVII

Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 8 November 1988, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Turkey to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1989 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that the required Harmonized System documentation has been completed and was circulated with document SECRET/HS/22 on 16 January 1989 and that promptly thereafter the Government of Turkey entered into negotiations and consultations with the interested contracting parties;

Noting that the Government of Turkey has also circulated to contracting parties on 23 June 1989 a document containing proposals for entries into columns 5, 6 and 7 of Turkey's HS schedule;

Noting also that, due to pending reservations of some contracting parties on HS Schedule XXXVII - Turkey, it has not been possible for Turkey to complete the required negotiations and consultations before 31 December 1989;

Considering that the Government of Turkey has requested an extension of the waiver until 30 June 1990 (L/6585);

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.