ACCESSION OF SLOVENIA

Extension of Time-Limit for Acceptance of the Protocol of Accession

Draft Decision

On 12 September 1994, the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided, in accordance with Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, that the Government of Slovenia may accede to the General Agreement on the terms set out in the Protocol for the Accession of Slovenia (document L/7530). Paragraph 5 of the Protocol for the Accession of Slovenia provides that the Protocol shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Slovenia until 1 October 1994. The Minister for Economic Relations and Development of Slovenia will sign the Protocol of Accession subject to ratification on 27 September 1994. Even though the Slovenian Parliament is expected to take up the ratification immediately thereafter, it would be desirable to extend the time-limit set out in paragraph 5 until 15 November 1994 because the ratification procedures may not be completed by 1 October 1994. Accordingly, the following draft Decision is being submitted for consideration by the Council at its meeting on 4 October 1994. If ratification of the Protocol of Accession by Slovenia has been completed within the prescribed time-limit, further action by the Council will not be necessary.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Having regard to the request by the Government of Slovenia that the time-limit for acceptance by Slovenia of the Protocol for the Accession of Slovenia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade be extended,

Decide, in view of the special circumstances, to extend the time-limit provided for in paragraph 5 of the Protocol for the Accession of Slovenia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, until 15 November 1994.