GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

TU R K Y -- S T A M P D U T Y

Decision of 30 January 1973

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by decisions dated 20 July 1963, 11 November 1967, and 24 August 1969, waived, subject to specified terms and conditions, the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to allow the Government of Turkey to maintain as a temporary measure, the Stamp Duty not exceeding a specified ad valorem rate, on imports into Turkey of products included in Schedule XXXVII, until 31 December 1972;

Considering that the Government of Turkey has requested an extension of the waiver to enable the maintenance of the Stamp Duty beyond that date;

Considering that the Government of Turkey has assured the CONTRACTING PARTIES that as from 1 January 1973, all discriminatory elements in the administration of the Stamp Duty will be eliminated so that a uniform rate will be applied to imports from the territories of all contracting parties;

Considering that the Stamp Duty has been applied for the purpose of safeguarding the balance of payments in conjunction with other import restriction measures, regarding which a consultation with the Government of Turkey will take place early in 1973 in the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions; and

Considering the desirability of having the request for extension of the waiver examined in the context of that consultation,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement and in accordance with the procedures adopted by them on 1 November 1956,

decide to waive, subject to the same terms and conditions as provided for in the previous Decision, the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Turkey to maintain the Stamp Duty on imports of products included in Schedule XXXVII until the CONTRACTING PARTIES have taken a decision on the waiver request, or until 31 May 1973, whichever is the earlier.

1 The decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were fifty-two votes in favour and none against.

2 BI 30, Twelfth Supplement, page 55.

3 BI 30, Fifteenth Supplement, page 90.