The following communication dated 23 October 1990 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Brazil.

I refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 8 November 1988 contained in document L/6426, which granted the Government of Brazil a waiver from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement, with a view to allow negotiations and consultations on the transposition of Schedule III - Brazil into the Harmonized System.

Brazil has already concluded negotiations with some interested contracting parties. However, due to pending reservations, it will not be possible to complete the required negotiations with all parties involved before 31 December 1990. Brazil therefore requests a new extension, until 30 June 1991, of the time-limit established by the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.