MALAYSIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXXIX

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication dated 15 May 1991 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Malaysia with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the next meeting of the Council.

I have the honour to refer to the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 13 December 1990 as contained in document L/6789 to suspend the application of the provision of Article II of the General Agreement in regard to the new Schedule XXXIX of Malaysia until 30 June 1991 to allow for the renegotiations as a result of the transposition to the Harmonized System (HS) in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.

The HS documents were circulated to all contracting parties on 2 February 1989, and as a consequence a number of requests for consultations and negotiations have been made.

The competent Government authority is finalizing a revision of the documents following such consultations. To allow Malaysia the necessary period of time to finalize these documents, the Government of Malaysia hereby requests a temporary extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1991.