ZAIRE - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVIII

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 1 July 1991

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 5 December 1989, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of the Republic of Zaire to implement its new tariff resulting from a thorough reorganization and the introduction of the Harmonized System and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Noting that the statistical documentation transmitted to the GATT secretariat on 18 February 1991 for distribution to the contracting parties had to be returned to the Government of Zaire for correction owing to discrepancies in the statistical data and to the difficulties encountered by the GATT secretariat in the transposition of the data;

Noting that the necessary work to correct the data which has been under way since March 1991 will not be completed within the required time-limit for conducting and concluding the consultations by 30 June 1991;

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Zaire has requested an extension of the waiver until 31 December 1991;

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to waive the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement in order to enable the Government of the Republic of Zaire to implement its new tariff, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Government of the Republic of Zaire shall engage forthwith in negotiations and consultations with the contracting parties concerned in accordance with Article XXVIII, paragraphs 1-3;

2. The above negotiations and consultations shall be completed by 31 December 1991;

3. Pending the entry into force of the results of the above negotiations or consultations, the other contracting parties shall be free to suspend the concessions initially negotiated with the Republic of Zaire in so far as they consider that the Government of the Republic of Zaire does not offer sufficient compensation.

1The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 69 votes in favour and none against.

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