MALAYSIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXXIX

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication dated 22 May 1992 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Malaysia.

I have the honour to refer to the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 4 December 1991 as contained in document L/6957, to suspend the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement in regard to the new Schedule XXXIX of Malaysia until 30 June 1992, 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 (SECRET/HS/23 and Corr.1) and, as a consequence, a number of requests for consultations and negotiations have been made.

The competent Government authority is in the process of finalizing the revision of these 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 1992.