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Communication from the Kingdom of Morocco

The following communication, dated 3 June 1992, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the GATT secretariat and has the honour to inform it that, in accordance with the decision of the Customs Co-operation Council that the CCCN be replaced by the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), the Kingdom of Morocco has decided to implement the Harmonized System as from 1 July 1992.

The process of transposing our Customs Tariff from CCCN to the Harmonized System is in its final stages. Once this has been completed, the Harmonized System documentation required under the procedures of Article XXVIII will be prepared and circulated to the contracting parties as soon as possible.

The Kingdom of Morocco also wishes to emphasize that it will ensure that in the process of conversion no change in the tariff rates of bound items, the Initial Negotiating Rights or the product descriptions will take place. However, it is prepared to enter into consultations with any interested contracting parties. In view of the time constraint, it will certainly not be possible for the Kingdom of Morocco to conduct consultations as provided for in Article XXVIII before the implementation of the Harmonized System.

In order to enable the Kingdom of Morocco to implement the Harmonized System on 1 July 1992, the Kingdom of Morocco therefore requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1993.