The following communication, dated 2 December 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua.

I have the honour to inform you that, since 1 March 1993, the Central American Tariff System (SAC) has been applied in Nicaragua.

The Nomenclature of the Central American Tariff System is based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) and replaces the Central American Uniform Tariff Nomenclature (NAUCA II).

In order to fulfill the procedures established by the Council Decision of 21 July 1983 for correction and renegotiation of the schedules of concessions negotiated in GATT under the Harmonized System (BISD 30S/17) and in order to hold consultations pursuant to Article XXVIII, the Government of Nicaragua requests a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement for one year until 31 December 1994.

The documentation necessary for holding consultations will be submitted to the GATT Secretariat in the near future.