HARMONIZED SYSTEM - ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

Submission of Documentation

Schedule XXXVII - Turkey

The following communication dated 16 December 1988 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Turkey.

1. With reference to the decision adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 8 November 1988, I have the honour to enclose herewith the documentation of Turkey for the transposition of the Customs Tariff from the CCCN to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), and for negotiations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement. The documentation consists of four annexes:

   Annex I: Existing Tariff Schedule

   The existing tariff schedule has been prepared as a revised version of Schedule XXXVII of Turkey which had been circulated in documents TAR/13 and Add. 1-2;

   Annex II: Proposed Schedule XXXVII

   The proposed schedule has been compiled to reflect all the existing bindings expressed in the nomenclature of the Harmonized System, and the bound rates have not been changed;

   Annex III: Concordance Table from the Existing to the Proposed Schedule

   The concordance table provides a cross reference only in respect of those tariff items which are subject to bindings;

   Annex IV: Concordance Table from the Proposed to the Existing Schedule

   The concordance table provides a cross reference only in respect of those tariff headings which are subject to bindings;

2. Trade statistics have not been provided as no bound rate of duty has been changed.
3. The general notes of Turkey which had been circulated in document TAR/13 are still valid for the new Schedule XXXVII. These notes will be redrafted for Annexes 1 and 2, and will be distributed to the contracting parties as soon as possible.

4. The Government of Turkey has already informed the contracting parties that Turkey had decided to implement the Harmonized System as of 1 January 1989 by a communication dated 25 October 1988 (W.44/4).

5. Turkey is ready to enter into negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement. Any contracting party which considers that it has an interest in a concession should transmit a communication in writing to that effect within ninety days to the Permanent Mission of Turkey, with a copy to the GATT Secretariat. In order to expedite the negotiations or consultations, the communication should contain an indication of the products (and tariff item numbers) on which negotiations or consultations are requested.