HARMONIZED SYSTEM - ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

Submission of Documentation

Schedule LXXV - Philippines

The following communication, dated 13 April 1989, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines.

The Permanent Mission of the Philippines is pleased to submit the documentation listed below with a view to introducing the nomenclature of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), and in accordance with the Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII (BISD 27S/26) and the Decision of the Council of 12 July 1983 (BISD 30S/17) outlining the procedures for the conversion of GATT concessions into the Harmonized System nomenclature:

Annex I : Existing Schedule LXXV of the Philippines

The existing Schedule LXXV of the Philippines was circulated in loose-leaf format in document TAR/130 and Add.1 dated 27 August 1986.

Annex II : Proposed Schedule LXXV of the Philippines in Harmonized System Nomenclature

The proposed schedule reflects all the existing bindings expressed in the nomenclature of the Harmonized System. In the process of conversion, certain bound rates have been reduced while certain rates have been increased.

Annex III : Concordance Table from the Existing Schedule to the Proposed Schedule LXXV of the Philippines

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 Schedule to the Existing Schedule LXXV of the Philippines

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Annex V : Import Statistics

Import statistics for 1983-1985 pertain to the tariff items in the existing Schedule LXXV.

The Government of the Philippines is ready to enter into negotiations or consultations under the relevant provisions of Article XXVIII. 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 the Philippines, with a copy to the GATT secretariat. To expedite negotiations or consultations, such a communication should preferably include the products and item numbers in question.