HARMONIZED SYSTEM - NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII

Submission of Documentation

Schedule IX - Cuba

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Cuba.

I have the honour to transmit the following documents:

Annex I: Existing schedule (Schedule IX of the Republic of Cuba was provided in loose-leaf format in document TAR/133 and Add.1 and 2);

Annex II: Proposed schedule IX (in English and Spanish);

Annex III: Concordance table from the existing to the proposed schedule;

Annex IV: Concordance table from the proposed to the existing schedule.

These documents are transmitted with a view to the adoption of the nomenclature of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), in accordance with the Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement (BISD 27S/26) and the Council Decision of 12 July 1983 (BISD 30S/17), outlining the procedures for the transposition of GATT concessions into the Harmonized System nomenclature.

I should point out that in the case of products for which specific duties have been changed to ad valorem duties, statistics have not been submitted country by country because they are not available in the national statistical system which uses its own nomenclature (Standard Product Classification) and does not record transactions of little value, as is the case. In addition, no changes have been made either in the proposed duties or in the status of initial negotiating rights in relation to the existing tariff lines.

I wish to state that the Republic of Cuba is ready to conduct consultations and negotiations under the relevant provisions of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.
Contracting parties wishing to enter into consultations or negotiations in relation to a concession are requested to transmit a communication in writing to that effect within a period of ninety days to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba, with a copy to the GATT secretariat. To expedite negotiations or consultations, the communication should indicate the products and tariff heading numbers concerned.