HARMONIZED SYSTEM - ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS
Submission of Documentation
Schedule LXX - Bangladesh

The following communication dated 28 November 1990 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh.

I have the honour to submit the documentation listed below, with a view to converting Bangladesh GATT concessions into the nomenclature of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), for negotiations 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 the GATT concessions into the Harmonized System nomenclature:

Annex I: Existing Schedule LXX of Bangladesh
Schedule LXX of Bangladesh is contained in the Protocol of Accession of Bangladesh (1972). A draft loose-leaf schedule of Bangladesh has been prepared by the secretariat.

Annex II: Proposed Schedule LXX of Bangladesh in the Harmonized System Nomenclature
The proposed schedule covers a reduced number of bindings expressed in the nomenclature of the Harmonized System, compared to the bindings in the existing schedule. The bound proposed rates are either equal to or less than the corresponding rates in the existing schedule.

Annex III: Concordance Table from the Existing Schedule to the Proposed Schedule LXX of Bangladesh
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 LXX of Bangladesh

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Annex V: List of withdrawals

Products listed here are proposed for withdrawal from the existing Schedule LXX of Bangladesh.

Annex VI: Import Statistics

Import statistics by country for the latest three years available pertaining to all proposed bound tariff items.

Further, I would like to recall that at the time of her accession to the GATT in 1972, Bangladesh accepted the full obligations of a schedule of tariff bindings identical with that applied before her independence (i.e. Pakistan Schedule which existed then and which itself is under renegotiation now). Obviously, Bangladesh undertook obligations much beyond of what the recognition of her least developed country status warrants. However, at that time, Bangladesh made it clear that it would wish to initiate, as soon as it was ready to do so, renegotiations of its schedule in accordance with the normal procedure of GATT.

In the context of the position stated above, Bangladesh, therefore, wishes to carry out simultaneously HS negotiations as well as renegotiations of her Schedule LXX under Article XXVIII, in particular on the basis of Article XXVIII bis and taking into account the provisions of Article XXXVI:8, along with the invocation of paragraph 2(d) of the CONTRACTING PARTIES Decision (BISD 26S/203).

Any contracting party, which considers that it has an interest in the afore-mentioned HS negotiations and renegotiations of Schedule LXX of Bangladesh, should transmit a communication in writing to that effect within 90 days to the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, with a copy to the GATT secretariat. To facilitate consultations or negotiations and renegotiations, such communication should preferably include the products in question and corresponding HS Codes for which the country concerned claims negotiating right as an initial negotiator, a principal supplier or a substantial supplier.