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

The Government of Colombia submits herewith the following documentation, with a view to the introduction of the Nomenclature of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), in accordance with the procedures for negotiations under Article XXVIII (BISD, 275/27) and the Decision of the Council of 12 July 1983 (BISD, 305/17), outlining the procedures for the transposition of GATT concessions into the Harmonized System Nomenclature.

Annex I: Existing Schedule LXXVI

Schedule LXXVI of Colombia, presented in the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature (NABANDINA classification of the Andean Group), was also provided in loose-leaf format in document TAR/70 and Add.1.

Annex II: Proposed Schedule LXXVI

The proposed schedule has been compiled to show all the existing bindings expressed in the Nomenclature of the Harmonized System of the Andean Group (NANDINA classification), and no bound rates have been changed. This schedule is authentic only in the Spanish version.

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

The concordance table establishes a cross-reference between the NABANDINA and the NANDINA Nomenclatures.

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

The concordance table establishes a cross-reference between the NANDINA and the NABANDINA Nomenclatures.

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Trade statistics have not been provided as all initial negotiating rights have been maintained and no bound rates of duty have been changed.

The Government of Colombia informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it had introduced the Harmonized System on 1 January 1991, and stressed that in the conversion process there was no change whatsoever in bound rates of duty or initial negotiating rights.

Colombia 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 Colombia in Geneva, 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.