The following communication dated 14 October 1988 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Indonesia with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-fourth session.

I have the honour to refer to our communication contained in document L/6310 dated 10 March 1988 concerning the request of our Government for a temporary exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1988 and the Decision by the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 22 April 1988 (L/6331) to this effect.

Following the distribution of the documentation on the Harmonized Tariff System of Indonesia (SECRET/HS/18, 25 March 1988), as a conversion of its Schedule XXI, some comments have been received from several interested contracting parties.

The relevant authorities in Jakarta have re-examined the documentation and found some product items missing as well as technical errors in the process of transposition. They are now undertaking an adjustment of the said documentation.

However, owing to some technical difficulties, it would not be possible to submit the final documentation before the time-limit expires. The Government of Indonesia therefore requests a temporary extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 October 1989.

To facilitate consideration of this matter, the text of a draft decision is annexed.
ANNEX

INDONESIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXI

Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 22 April 1988\(^{1}\), suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Indonesia to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 April 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that the required Harmonized System documentation has been circulated with document SECRET/HS/18 and that comments have been received from several contracting parties concerning technical errors which occurred in the process of the transposition;

Noting that the relevant authorities in Indonesia are re-examining the documentation and preparing a revised version which they hope to circulate to the contracting parties in the near future;

Noting that owing to technical difficulties, it will not be possible for the delegation of Indonesia to submit the final documentation and carry out negotiations and consultations under Article XXVIII before the expiry date;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement,

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend the time-limit, provided for in the Decision of 22 April 1988, until 31 October 1989.

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