The following communication dated 2 November 1989 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Brazil with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-fifth session.

With reference to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 8 November 1988 contained in document L/6426, which granted the Government of Brazil a waiver from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement, I have the honour to inform you that Brazil has circulated the documentation in document SECRET/HS/21 and Add.1-2. Thereafter, the Government of Brazil has promptly entered into negotiations and consultations with the interested contracting parties.

However, due to pending reservations of some contracting parties, it will not be possible to complete the required negotiations and consultations before 31 December 1989.

Brazil therefore requests an extension, until 30 June 1990, of the time-limit established by the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 8 November 1988.

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

BRAZIL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE III

Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 8 November 1988, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Brazil to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1989 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that the required Harmonized System documentation has been completed and was circulated with document SECRET/HS/21 and Add.1-2 and that promptly thereafter the Government of Brazil entered into negotiations and consultations with the interested contracting parties;

Noting that, due to pending reservations of some contracting parties on HS Schedule III - Brazil, it has not been possible for Brazil to complete the required negotiations and consultations before 31 December 1989;

Considering that the Government of Brazil has requested an extension of the waiver until 30 June 1990;

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 8 November 1988, until 30 June 1990.