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

I wish to refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 16 July 1990 contained in document L/6702 and related to the extension of the waiver granted to Bangladesh until 31 December 1990.

The required HS documentation for renegotiations under Article XXVIII has now been prepared and submitted to the GATT secretariat, for circulation to the contracting parties in the very near future.

Bangladesh will be ready to carry out the necessary Article XXVIII renegotiations and consultations as and when agreed mutually between Bangladesh and the concerned and interested contracting parties. However, it will not be possible to carry out these negotiations and consultations before the end of the year.

The Government of Bangladesh, therefore, requests a further extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1991.

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

BANGLADESH - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXX

Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 18 July 1988, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Bangladesh to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 July 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that, by successive Decisions, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit of the waiver granted to Bangladesh until 31 December 1990;

Considering that the required HS documentation for renegotiations under Article XXVIII has now been submitted to the secretariat for circulation to the contracting parties in the very near future;

Noting that Bangladesh will be ready to carry out the necessary Article XXVIII renegotiations and consultations with the interested contracting parties;

Considering that, however, it will not be possible to carry out these negotiations and consultations before the end of the year;

Noting that the Government of Bangladesh has, therefore, requested a further extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1991;

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 18 July 1988, until 30 June 1991.

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