The following communication dated 13 November 1991 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Turkey with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-seventh session.

With reference to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 1 July 1991 contained in document L/6881 to extend until 31 December 1991 the suspension of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement with regard to Turkey's new Schedule XXXVII, I have the honour to inform you that Turkey has not completed the required negotiations and consultations yet.

In view of the foregoing, Turkey requests that she be further exempted from her obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1992.

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

TURKEY - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXXVII

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 Turkey to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1989 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 1 July 1991 extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations by the Government of Turkey until 31 December 1991;

Noting that, due to pending reservations of some contracting parties on HS Schedule XXXVII - Turkey, it has not been possible for Turkey to complete the required negotiations and consultations before 31 December 1991;

Considering that the Government of Turkey has requested an extension of the waiver until 30 June 1992.

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 1992.

1^BISD 35S/24.  
2^L/6881.