URUGUAY - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE XXXI

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 15 November 1991, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Uruguay with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties and considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-seventh session.

The Permanent Delegation of Uruguay to GATT presents its compliments to the GATT secretariat and has the honour to refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 11 April 1991, Renegotiation of Schedule XXXI, contained in document L/6837 of 12 April 1991.

In order to be able to finalize the process of renegotiation of Schedule XXXI and taking into account the time-limit for the distribution and certification of schedules, Uruguay requests an extension until 30 June 1992 of the waiver it has been granted.

To facilitate consideration of this waiver, the text of a draft decision is annexed.
Consider that the Government of Uruguay, in a communication dated 22 October 1990 (L/6752), has informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it is engaged in a process of simplifying, reducing and harmonizing its import tariff and of adjusting Uruguay’s original Schedule of Concessions in the light of the modifications made in the tariff nomenclature and duties;

Noting that the work of adjusting the original Schedule of Tariff Concessions has been completed and has been submitted for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in document L/6689/Add.3, dated 28 September 1990;

Considering that Uruguay intends to modify or withdraw a number of concessions included in Schedule XXXI, in conformity with the provisions of the General Agreement, and that the CONTRACTING PARTIES have been informed of the specific concessions which Uruguay will modify or withdraw in the above-mentioned document;

Considering that in order to enable the Government of Uruguay to conduct the process of consultation and renegotiation of Schedule XXXI according to the procedures established under Article XXVIII, the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by a Decision dated 7 December 1990, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement;

Taking into account that the Government of Uruguay has conducted relevant consultations with contracting parties in order to begin the process of renegotiation of Schedule XXXI with a view to distributing it and obtaining its certification;

Considering that the Government of Uruguay has requested an extension of the waiver until 30 June 1992;

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

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend until 30 June 1992 the time-limit established in the Decision of 7 December 1990.