ZAIRE - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVIII

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 24 November 1992, has been received from the Government of the Republic of Zaire.

The Government of the Republic of Zaire has just transmitted its revised import statistics to the GATT Secretariat for circulation to contracting parties.

While awaiting the utilization and circulation of these data by the GATT Secretariat and their consideration by interested partners of Zaire, I have the honour to request, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zaire, an extension until 30 June 1993 of the exemption granted to Zaire.

Within this period Zaire hopes to undertake and conclude the consultations and negotiations with those of its partners which so request.

To facilitate consideration of this matter, the text of a draft Decision is attached.
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Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 5 December 1989\(^1\), suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of the Republic of Zaire to implement its new tariff resulting from the thorough reorganization and the introduction of the harmonized system, and subsequently to conduct negotiations;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 4 December 1991\(^2\), extended until 31 December 1992 the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Zaire;

Noting that the Government of the Republic of Zaire has transmitted revised statistical data to the GATT Secretariat for circulation to contracting parties;

Taking into account that it will not be possible for the Government of Zaire to undertake the consultations and negotiations under Article XXVIII before the end of the year;

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Zaire has requested an extension of the exemption until 30 June 1993;

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 5 December 1989 until 30 June 1993.

\(^1\)BISD, S36/435.
\(^2\)L/7060.