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Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 12 November 1992, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka.

With further reference to the Decision of the Contracting Parties of GATT dated 22 July 1992\(^1\), I have the honour to inform you that Sri Lanka's negotiations under Article XXVIII with interested contracting parties are under way, and in view of the time constraints, it will not be possible to conclude these negotiations before the time-limit, i.e. 31 December 1992.

Therefore, the Government of Sri Lanka requests a further extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1993.

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

\(^1\) L/7064.
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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 Sri Lanka to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) on 1 January 1989 and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that, by successive Decisions, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit for the completion of the negotiations or consultations to be conducted by the Government of Sri Lanka until 31 December 1992;

Considering that the relevant Harmonized System documentation necessary for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII has been circulated to contracting parties with document SECRET/HS/26 on 12 January 1990 and that Article XXVIII negotiations with the interested contracting parties are under way;

Considering that, in view of the time constraints, it will not be possible for the Government of Sri Lanka to conclude these negotiations before 31 December 1992;

Noting that the Government of Sri Lanka has requested a further extension of the exemption from its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement 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 8 November 1988, until 30 June 1993.

1BISD, 35S/22.
2L/7064.