The following communication, dated 7 November 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala.

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala wishes to refer to the Decision adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES suspending the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement with respect to Schedule LXXXVIII of Guatemala until 31 December 1994.

In this connection, the competent authorities of Guatemala have made great efforts to provide the documentation required for renegotiations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement. Nevertheless, for technical reasons, it will be submitted to the GATT Secretariat in the coming weeks.

Accordingly, to enable Guatemala to hold consultations with interested contracting parties pursuant to paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII, if necessary, the Government of Guatemala requests a temporary extension until 30 June 1995 of the waiver of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement.

To facilitate consideration of this matter, a draft Decision is annexed.
Consider that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by a Decision of 26 January 1994\(^1\), suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Guatemala to carry out the process of transposition of the concessions set forth in schedule LXXXVIII into the Harmonized Commodity Nomenclature;\(^1\)

Taking into account that the competent authorities of Guatemala have made great efforts to provide the documentation required for the renegotiations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement;\(^1\)

Noting that this information, which for technical reasons has not yet been finalized, will be submitted shortly to the GATT Secretariat;\(^1\)

Considering that, in order to be able to hold consultations with interested contracting parties, if necessary, pursuant to paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII, the Government of Guatemala has requested a temporary extension of the waiver of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 30 June 1995;\(^1\)

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV of the General Agreement,\(^1\)

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to extend until 30 June 1995 the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 26 January 1994.\(^1\)

\(^1\) L/7405.