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Extension of Time-limit

The following communication, dated 14 November 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica refers to your telefax dated 26 October 1994, concerning the proposal by the Chairman of the Committee on Tariff Concessions in respect of requests for extension of waivers agreed on by the Committee at its meeting of 6 December 1993.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica submits hereunder the factual information requested:

- Date of original waiver: 20 August 1993.
- Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: documents not yet submitted.
- Number of extension and dates when granted: one extension granted on 21 July 1994.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: none.
- Status of outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations as well as a general outline or relevant problems, if any: documentation not yet circulated due to technical problems in its preparation.
- Outlook for concluding the process: we have requested the GATT Secretariat to give us technical assistance for resolving technical difficulties with a view to completing the tariff transposition negotiations before 30 June 1995.

In view of the fact that Jamaica has not been able to conclude negotiations before the date of expiry of the waiver due to technical problems encountered in preparation of the documentation, the Permanent Mission of Jamaica requests an extension for a further six months until 30 June 1995.

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

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Draft Decision on Extension of Time-limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 20 August 1993\(^1\), suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Jamaica to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Noting that the Government of Jamaica has encountered some technical problems in the preparation of the documentation under Article XXVIII negotiations;

Taking into account that the Government of Jamaica has asked the GATT Secretariat for technical assistance in resolving the technical difficulties with a view to completing the tariff transposition negotiations;

Considering that the Government of Jamaica has requested a further extension of the waiver until 30 June 1995;

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 20 August 1993, until 30 June 1995.

\(^1\)L/7291.