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Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 18 November 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic.

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic has the honour to refer to the CONTRACTING PARTIES’ Decision of 21 July 1994 granting Argentina a temporary waiver of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement until 31 December 1994 in connection with the implementation of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.

In this connection, the Government of Argentina has submitted to the Secretariat the information required (Schedule LXIV) under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement, for circulation to interested parties, so as to begin consultations in accordance with the relevant procedures. To date only two contracting parties have formulated requests for clarification.

For the above reasons, the Permanent Mission of Argentina requests the CONTRACTING PARTIES to extend the above-mentioned waiver until 30 June 1995, to enable it to complete the negotiation of the above Schedule.

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

L/7505.
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Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by a Decision of 3 December 1992\textsuperscript{1} and subsequent Decisions, suspended application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to enable the Government of Argentina to apply the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System);

Taking into account that the Government of Argentina submitted to the GATT Secretariat the information required by Article XXVIII of the General Agreement (Schedule LXIV)\textsuperscript{2}, for circulation to interested parties, so as to begin consultations in accordance with the relevant procedures, and that to date only two contracting parties have formulated requests for clarification;

Considering that the Government of Argentina has requested an extension of the waiver until 30 June 1995 in order to complete the negotiation of the above-mentioned Schedule;

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

Decide, taking into account the exceptional circumstances, to extend until 30 June 1995 the time-limit established in the Decision of 3 December 1992.

\textsuperscript{1}L/7150.

\textsuperscript{2}SECRET/HS/35.