

**SUBJECT: ZAIRE - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVIII**

AT ITS MEETING ON 17 DECEMBER 1993, THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES CONSIDERED A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE FOR AN EXTENSION OF A WAIVER FROM ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE II OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT UNTIL 30 JUNE 1994, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THAT GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT ITS NEW TARIFF (L/7347).

THE COUNCIL AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES THAT THE EXTENSION BE GRANTED, APPROVED A DRAFT DECISION TO THAT EFFECT (C/W/771), AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE DRAFT DECISION BE ADOPTED BY A VOTE BY POSTAL BALLOT.

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MANY REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE MEETING REGISTERED THEIR VOTE ON BEHALF OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS. A COPY OF ZAIRE'S REQUEST (L/7347) AND THE DRAFT DECISION (C/W/771), AS WELL AS A BALLOT PAPER, ARE HEREWITH DISTRIBUTED TO CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE REQUESTED TO CAST THEIR VOTE ON THE DECISION AND TO RETURN THE COMPLETED BALLOT BY 17 JANUARY 1994.

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