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ZIMBABWE - WAIVER ON BASE DATES UNDER ARTICLE I:4

Request for an extension

The following communication, dated 4 September 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe.

With reference to the General Council decision following discussions on waivers listed in WT/L/153 of 17 June 1996, Zimbabwe is requesting, in accordance with Article IX of the WTO Agreement and the Understanding in Respect of Waivers, an extension of its waiver on base dates under Article I:4 (BISD 9S/46) beyond the date of 1 January 1997.

Zimbabwe is currently engaged in the renegotiation of the Agreement for which the waiver was originally granted. The outcome of these negotiations may not be known until after the expiry date of waivers as established under the WTO Agreement. It is for this reason that my authorities are requesting an extension.