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Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 15 June 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Israel.

On 3 December 1987¹, the CONTRACTING PARTIES suspended until 30 June 1988 the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement, to enable the Government of Israel to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System as of 1 January 1988 and carry out negotiations subsequently.

By eight successive Decisions, till 31 December 1991, the CONTRACTING PARTIES extended the time-limit to enable implementation of the Harmonized System.

The documentation with regard to the Harmonized System was submitted to the GATT Secretariat and was circulated as SECRET/HS/31 on 22 January 1992.

At the end of the prescribed 90 days, three requests for consultations under Article XXVIII were received. Those consultations are still in progress.

In order to complete the process under Article XXVIII, six more extensions of the time-limit were granted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the last one on 9 December 1994² extending the time-limit until 30 June 1995.

Replies to the requests of the countries concerned have been forwarded. Bilateral negotiations have been initiated and it is hoped that they will be concluded within the next few months.

In view of the above, an extension of the time-limit is requested until 31 December 1995. We would appreciate it if our request for extension could be considered at the next Council meeting.

¹BISD 34S/29.

²L/7597.