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Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 7 June 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Senegal.

In the context of the renegotiation of its Schedule of GATT tariff concessions, Senegal requested and obtained from the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 7 December 1990 a waiver of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement, which has been repeatedly renewed so as to enable it to prepare and distribute the required documentation.

Consequently, the following documents were distributed to the contracting parties¹:

- Annex I: Existing Schedule in CCCN
- Annex II: Proposed Schedule in the Harmonized System
- Annex III: Concordance table: existing Schedule and proposed Schedule
- Annex IV: Concordance table: proposed Schedule and existing Schedule
- Annex V: List of withdrawals

This documentation was supplemented by statistics on Senegal's trade in 1989-90 and 1991, which were transmitted to the contracting parties on 18 November 1993.

In order to allow the contracting parties to study the documents and negotiate with its delegation, the Government of Senegal requested an extension of the waiver, until 30 June 1996. However, the negotiations have not yet been completed. All the questions asked by the delegations concerned have been referred to the competent Senegalese authorities who have made counter-proposals. Senegal, which has begun discussions with its partners, has reached a positive conclusion with one of them and considers that it can fully complete the negotiations with its other partners by December 1996.

Meanwhile, I request a further six-month extension of the waiver granted to Senegal under Article IX of the WTO Agreement.

¹SECRET/341 + Add.1.