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BANGLADESH - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXX

Request for Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 2 April 1997, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh.

Please refer to your fax message dated 14 March 1997 regarding the request for extension of waivers. The information needed for the granting of the waiver is furnished below:

- (1) Date of original waiver: 18 July 1988¹.
- (2) Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 6 December 1990².
- (3) Number of extensions and dates when granted: fifteen, i.e. 24/7/89; 5/12/89; 16/7/90; 13/12/90; 12/8/91; 4/12/91; 20/7/92; 3/12/92; 19/7/93; 17/1/94; 21/7/94; 9/12/94; 31/8/95, 13/12/95 and 18/7/96.
- (4) Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: four countries (Australia, Canada, European Communities and New Zealand).
- (5) Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: two (European Communities and New Zealand).
- (6) Status of outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations, as well as a general outline of relevant problems: we have made proposals to Australia and Canada. Reaction of Australia is awaited. Reaction of Canada has been received and agreement will be signed shortly.
- (7) Outlook for concluding the process: our intention is to conclude the negotiations as early as possible.

The present waiver for Bangladesh expires on 30 April 1997, and in view of the position explained above, we would request you kindly to allow us a further extension of the waiver up to 31 October 1997.

¹BISD 35S/348.

²SECRET/HS/29.