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NICARAGUA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXIX

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 3 June 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua.

In connection with the waiver granted to Nicaragua on 13 December 1995¹, which expires on 30 June 1996, I wish to state the following:

- The original waiver was granted on 26 January 1994, and was extended in December 1994 and again in December 1995.² The relevant documentation was submitted on 28 June 1995. On the expiry of the time-limit of three months, two countries had reserved their right to conduct negotiations. Only two extensions have been granted.
- As of today, these two countries have not submitted any request to initiate negotiations.
- We have submitted all the documentation and demonstrated our wish to complete the process as soon as possible; nevertheless, given the technical difficulties presented by these two countries, we now find ourselves obliged to request a third extension of the original waiver in order to complete the process.

On the basis of the above, we request an extension of the waiver - for the period deemed appropriate by the General Council - of our obligations under Article II.

¹WT/L/119.

²G/SECRET/HS/3.