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INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM 1996 CHANGES INTO WTO SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS

PAKISTAN – SCHEDULE XV

Request for a Waiver

The following communication, dated 19 February 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan.

Please refer to your fax dated 5 February 2002 regarding extension of waiver concerning the introduction of HS96 changes into the WTO Schedules.

Under instructions of the Capital, we are pleased to request for an extension of the subject waiver for one year w.e.f 1 May 2002. The factual information agreed to be provided by the requesting Member in the Committee on Market Access is as under:

- Date of original waiver: 24 April 1997
- Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation (if no documents have been circulated, reasons therefor): Document G/SECRET/HS96/40
10 December 1998
- Number of extensions and dates when granted: Eight. *Vide* documents Nos. and dates as mentioned below:
WT/L/243, dated 22.10.1997
WT/L/268, dated 24.04.1998
WT/L/281, dated 14.10.1998
WT/L/303, dated 15.06.1999
WT/L/338, dated 04.11.1999
WT/L/351, dated 03.05.2000
WT/L/379, dated 08.12.2000
WT/L/400, dated 08.05.2001
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: Three
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: Two

- Status of outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations as well as a general outline of relevant problems, if any:
- Outlook for concluding the process:

One outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations, with the US is still being examined in the Capital. The reservation made by the US dates back to the year 1995 and specific concern was notified on 1 February 2001

We are hopeful that the matter would be resolved bilaterally at the earliest.
