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NICARAGUA – ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXIX

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 1 March 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua.

I refer to your communication of 16 February 2000 requesting factual information on the extension of the waiver concerning new Schedule XXIX.

- The original waiver was granted on 26 January 1994.
- 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.
- The original waiver was extended in December 1994, December 1995, July 1996, April 1997, October 1997, April 1998, October 1998, June 1999 and November 1999.
- The number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been undertaken is two.
- The number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been completed is one.
- Nicaragua is keen to complete these negotiations as rapidly as possible and has submitted the information requested by the country concerned, to which it has submitted a proposal which the latter is currently studying.
- Nicaragua is ready to do its utmost to complete the negotiating process as soon as possible, and is therefore in constant talks with the country concerned. To this end, we find ourselves obliged to request a further extension of the original waiver from the Council for Trade in Goods.