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COMMUNICATION FROM ARMENIA

The following communication, dated 13 March 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Armenia.

In connection with the Accession of the Republic of Armenia to the Eurasian Economic Union on 10 October 2014, and in view of ensuring that Members reserve their rights pending the communication to the WTO Secretariat of the agreements reached in the context of Article XXIV:6 (GATT), Armenia believes that it is desirable to provide for an extension of six months.

As a consequence, and in continuation of Armenia's notification of 23 October 2014 (G/SECRET/37) concerning its accession to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), as well as the notification of 29 December 2014 (WT/REG363/N/1 and S/C/N/790), Armenia wishes hereby to inform that it will not assert that WTO Members who have submitted a claim pursuant to Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994 are precluded from withdrawing substantially equivalent concessions under Article XXVIII:3 of the GATT 1994 because this withdrawal occurs later than six months after Armenia's withdrawal of concessions (2 January 2015), provided that the claiming WTO Member withdraws concessions no later than 12 months after Armenia's modification of concessions.

We should be grateful if you would circulate this communication to Members and place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council for Trade in Goods.
