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JAMAICA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVI

Request for Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 7 June 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica refers to your telefax dated 3 June 1996, concerning the provision of factual information on the status of Jamaica's waiver.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica submits hereunder the factual information requested:

- Date of original waiver: 20 August 1993¹.
- Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 29 September 1995.
- Number of extensions and dates when granted: four extensions, granted on 21/07/94; 09/12/94; 31/08/95 and 13/12/95.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: none, since the documents were circulated by the WTO Secretariat, Jamaica has not yet received any requests for consultations. However, the United States, by its letter of 25 November 1995 has entered a reservation on Jamaica's Schedule.
- Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: not applicable.
- Status of outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations as well as a general outline of relevant problems: not applicable.
- Outlook for concluding the process: it is hoped that Jamaica will be able to conclude this process as soon as the United States has lifted its reservation. It is to be noted that the European Community has indicated that they have no major problems with our Schedule.

In light of the above information, it will again be necessary for the Government of Jamaica to apply for an extension of its waiver for a further six months to 31 December 1996, during which time we hope that this process can be concluded.

¹BISD, 40S/101.