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Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 30 August 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of South Africa.

I have the honour to refer to document WT/L/153 of 17 June 1996 and in particular to the Decision of the GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES of 19 November 1960 (BISD 9S/46) granting a waiver to South Africa to continue to apply certain preferences to the then Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and to request, in terms of Article IX of the WTO Agreement, and the Understanding in Respect of Waivers, an extension of that waiver beyond the date of 1 January 1997.

The reason for this request is because that Agreement is being partly renegotiated, the result of which may not be available prior to the expiry of the current waiver.

The revised Agreement will, upon ratification by the parties, be promptly submitted to the WTO in accordance with the established practice.