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BANGLADESH – ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXX

Request for Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 19 February 1999, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh.

Please refer to your fax message dated 10 February 1999 regarding the request for extension of waivers. The information requested in this context is furnished below:

- (1) Date of original waiver: 18 July 1988¹.
- (2) Date of submission of documents relevant to the HS implementation: 6 December 1990².
- (3) Number of extensions and dates when granted: nineteen, i.e. 24/7/89; 5/12/89; 16/7/90; 13/12/90; 12/8/91; 4/12/91; 20/7/92; 3/12/92; 19/7/93; 17/1/94; 21/7/94; 9/12/94; 31/8/95, 13/12/95, 18/7/96, 24/4/97, 22/10/97, 24/4/98 and 14/10/98.
- (4) Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been initiated: four countries (Australia, Canada, European Communities and New Zealand).
- (5) Number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been concluded: three (Canada, European Communities and New Zealand).
- (6) Status of outstanding Article XXVIII negotiations, as well as a general outline of relevant problems: Response awaited from Australia.
- (7) Outlook for concluding the process: we are working to conclude negotiations as early as possible.

In view of the position explained above, we would request you to kindly extend the waiver.

¹BISD 35S/348.

²SECRET/HS/29.