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TURKEY RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE XXXVII

Request for Extension of Decision of 22 August 1964

The following request has been received from the Turkish Government.

With reference to the Decision of 26 August 1964 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, I have the honour to inform you that our delegation, after having complied with the requirement envisaged in the waiver, made every effort to complete these negotiations within the time limit set up in the Decision.

Negotiations were actively resumed in Geneva in November 1964. Between mid-November 1964, and mid-May 1965, a special Turkish delegation presented offer lists to delegations of the twenty contracting parties which responded to the Turkish invitation. Offers have also been presented to other contracting parties which have rights of initial negotiation to products in the previous Turkish schedule. To this date final agreements have been reached with eight contracting parties. In twelve cases active negotiations have been undertaken but have not been completed.

Turkey is willing and ready to proceed with the negotiation of Schedule XXXVII as rapidly as circumstances permit, but feels that it will not be possible to complete all these negotiations prior to the closing date on 31 October 1965. As a matter of fact consultations with delegations concerned revealed that most of them were not in a position to carry on and finalize these negotiations within the said period.

The uncertainty about Turkish tariff rates, on the other hand, continues to influence the trade and imports hence impede the proper functioning of the Turkish economy and implementation of the development plan.

In view of these circumstances our authorities consider that a one-year extension of the date is necessary and request that necessary arrangements be made to enable the CONTRACTING PARTIES to take a decision on the Turkish request as far in advance of the closing date of the present waiver as is possible.

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