

**NICARAGUA – ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE XXIX**

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 20 February 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua.

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I refer to your communication of 5 February 2002 requesting factual information on the extension of the waiver concerning new Schedule XXIX.

- The original waiver was granted on 26 January 1994.
  - The relevant documentation was submitted on 28 June 1995. On the expiry of the time-limit of three months, two countries had reserved their right to conduct negotiations.
  - The original waiver was extended in December 1994, December 1995, July 1996, April 1997, October 1997, April 1998, October 1998, June 1999, November 1999, April 2000, September 2000, April 2001 and October 2001.
  - The number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been undertaken is two.
  - The number of countries with which Article XXVIII negotiations have been completed is one.
  - Nicaragua is keen to complete these negotiations as rapidly as possible and requests a further extension of the original waiver from the Council for Trade in Goods.
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