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**COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS**  
**31 July 1995**

## **JAMAICA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXVI**

### **Draft Decision on Extension of Time-Limit**

#### **Revision**

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT 1947, by their Decision of 20 August 1993<sup>1</sup> and successive Decisions, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of GATT 1947 to enable the Government of Jamaica to implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) and carry out negotiations subsequently;

Considering that the footnote to Annex IA, Section on GATT 1994, sub-paragraph 1(b)(iii) of the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization requires the Ministerial Conference to establish at its first session a revised list of waivers granted under Article XXV of GATT 1947 and still in force on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement;

Considering that by a Decision of 31 January 1995<sup>2</sup> the General Council established a list of waivers existing at the entry into force of the WTO Agreement, which included the waiver granted to Jamaica for the establishment of a new Schedule LXVI;

Considering that paragraph 2 of the Understanding in Respect of Waivers of Obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 provides that any waiver in effect on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement shall terminate unless extended in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraph 1 of the aforementioned Understanding and those of Article IX of the WTO Agreement on the date of its expiry or two years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement, whichever is earlier;

Noting that the Government of Jamaica has encountered some technical problems in the preparation of the documentation under Article XXVIII negotiations;

Taking into account that although continuing to experience some problems, the Government of Jamaica has given the assurance that it will submit the documentation by 29 September 1995, and wishes to assure the WTO that it is committed to finalizing this process as soon as possible;

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<sup>1</sup>L/7291.

<sup>2</sup>WT/L/3 + Corr.1.

Considering that the Government of Jamaica, having fulfilled the requirements of paragraph 1 of the Understanding in Respect of Waivers of Obligations under the GATT 1994, has requested a further extension of the waiver for a period of six months until 31 December 1995<sup>3</sup>;

The General Council, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article IX of the WTO Agreement,

Decides, in view of the exceptional circumstances outlined above, to extend the waiver granted to Jamaica by the Decision of 20 August 1993, until 31 December 1995.

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<sup>3</sup>G/L/9.