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ACCESSION OF ECUADOR

Request for Extension of Time-Limit for Acceptance of the Protocol of Accession

Communication from Ecuador

The following communication dated 29 November 1995 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva requests the inclusion in the agenda for the WTO General Council, to be held on Wednesday, 13 December 1995, of an item concerning the extension of the time-limit within which the National Congress of Ecuador must ratify the Protocol of Accession to the WTO. According to the Protocol approved by the General Council, document WT/ACC/ECU/6 of 22 August 1995, the time-limit for such ratification expires on 31 December 1995. The extension requested is until 31 March 1996.

The Decision of the General Council concerning the Accession of Ecuador to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization is reproduced in document WT/ACC/ECU/5. The text of the Protocol of Accession of Ecuador to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization is reproduced in document WT/ACC/ECU/6. To facilitate consideration of this matter by the General Council at its meeting on 13 December 1995, the text of a draft decision is annexed hereto.

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ACCESSION OF ECUADOR

Draft Decision

Considering that the Government of Ecuador has notified the World Trade Organization that the ratification of the Protocol for the Accession of Ecuador to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization may not be concluded within the time-limit prescribed in paragraph 7 thereof and has requested that the aforesaid time-limit be extended to 31 March 1996,

The General Council,

Decides to extend the time-limit for acceptance by the Government of Ecuador of the Protocol for the Accession of Ecuador to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, until 31 March 1996.