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ARTICLE XXVIII:4 RENEGOTIATIONS

Schedule LXXXI - Morocco

The following communication, dated 20 April 1988, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco.

I have the honour to advise you that the Moroccan authorities have recently carried out a tax reform aimed at introducing a fiscal levy on imports. This measure replaces both the special import tax and the customs stamp duty, and applies to all products imported into Morocco.

In introducing this measure, the Moroccan Government has sought to ensure that the total amount of bound duties is not affected. Nevertheless, in the case of the following four headings: 25.03 [sulphur], 25.24 [asbestos], 27.01 [coal] and 48.01 A I [newsprint], the total amount of cumulative duties will thereby increase slightly in comparison with the previously existing situation.

In these circumstances, the Moroccan Government is requesting authorization under Article XXVIII:4 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to renegotiate these concessions with interested parties.

The Moroccan authorities will supply the statistical data required for this purpose as soon as possible.

I should be grateful if you would kindly bring this request to the attention of the Council of Representatives at its next meeting.