HARMONIZED SYSTEM - ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

Submission of Documentation

Schedule VI - Sri Lanka

The following communication dated 5 January 1990 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka is pleased to submit the documentation listed below with a view to introducing the nomenclature of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding system (Harmonized System), and in accordance with the Procedures for Negotiations under Article XXVIII (BISD 275/26) and the Decision of the Council of 12 July 1983 (BISD 305/17), outlining the procedures for the conversion of GATT concessions into the Harmonized System nomenclature:

Annex I: Existing Schedule VI of Sri Lanka

A revised version of the existing Schedule VI of Sri Lanka was circulated in loose-leaf format in document TAR/66/Add.2 dated 24 April 1987.

Annex II: Proposed Schedule VI of Sri Lanka in Harmonized System Nomenclature

The proposed schedule reflects all the existing bindings expressed in the nomenclature of the Harmonized System. In the process of conversion, certain bound rates have been reduced while certain rates have been increased.

Annex III: Concordance Table from the Existing Schedule to the Proposed Schedule VI of Sri Lanka

The concordance table provides a cross reference only in respect of those tariff items, which are subject to bindings.

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Annex IV: Concordance Table from the Proposed Schedule to the Existing Schedule VI of Sri Lanka

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Annex V: Import Statistics

Import statistics by country for 1986-1988 pertain to all bound tariff items in the existing Schedule VI of Sri Lanka.

The Government of Sri Lanka is ready to enter into negotiations or consultations under the relevant provisions of Article XXVIII. Any contracting party, which considers that it has an interest in a concession, should transmit a communication in writing to that effect within ninety days to the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, with a copy to the GATT secretariat. To expedite negotiations or consultations, such communication should preferably include the products and item numbers in question.