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NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXIV:6 WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Communication from the Government of Uruguay

In a note, dated 13 July 1962, the delegation of Uruguay notified the Executive Secretary that it reserved the right to withdraw a number of tariff concessions (a list of which is attached), initially negotiated with the member States of the European Economic Community, in accordance with the imbalance in the negotiation recognized in the agreement, embodying the results of negotiations under Article XXIV:6, signed by the two delegations on 24 June 1961. The delegation explained that the action was taken to protect Uruguay's position under the General Agreement and that Uruguay did not intend to give effect to the withdrawals awaiting the outcome of further discussions with the Community.

Referring to this note, the representative of Uruguay has now sent the following communication, dated 12 June 1963, to the secretariat:

"With reference to my note dated 13 July 1962, I wish to advise you that on 21 September and 5 October 1962, this delegation communicated further with the representative of the European Economic Community concerning the settlement of the outstanding imbalance of the tariff negotiation carried out under Article XXIV:6 of the General Agreement, and made certain suggestions which it considered constructive, in this respect.

"On 5 April last, the representative of the European Economic Community replied to these communications, explaining why the formulas proposed by Uruguay were not accepted as a means of settling this drawn-out issue, and suggesting the holding of technical conversations for the purpose of carrying out a thorough exchange of views and information. This suggestion has been willingly accepted by Uruguay and the talks will take place very shortly, in the hope that they will lead to positive action. However, the question of the imbalance arising from the tariff negotiations held under Article XXIV:6 remains pending in spite of our various exchanges with the European Economic Community.

"In the circumstances, it appears necessary for Uruguay to reaffirm its position on the matter while awaiting a favourable solution, in the light of the conclusions of the recent ministerial meeting.

"Therefore, and as a further indication of the desire to handle the question constructively, I wish to advise you, without prejudice to any or all of the rights accruing to Uruguay as a contracting party, that we maintain the position set forth in my note to you on 13 July 1962.

"In other words, we reserve our right to withdraw the concessions at any time, but they continue to be applied until further notice.

"Should the Uruguayan Government not have cause to vary this position up to the beginning of the Trade Conference scheduled for 4 May 1964, these tariff positions will then be part of the list of items we will have available for negotiations. In that case, they will remain in force or be modified or withdrawn, totally or in part, in the light of the benefits we receive as a consequence of the work of the Trade Conference.

"It may be useful for the contracting parties to be advised of the contents of this letter. We are addressing a copy to the representative of the European Economic Community."

ANNEX

Schedule XXXI

Part I

(Most-Favoured-Nation Tariff)

Uruguayan tariff number:

II-82-372
III-105-ex591
IV-141-ex711
IV-153-761/763
VI-294-1940
IX-393-2519
X-420-2987
X-427-3041
XI-450-43/52 inclusive
XI-455-ex63 and ex64
XI-456-ex65
XII-610-34 and 86
XVI-847-284/295 inclusive
XVI-866-569/573 inclusive
XV-701-7 and 9
XV-702-19
XV-ex702 M.P. 34
XV-ex702 M.P. 35
XV-ex702-M.P. 36
XV-702-ex22
XV-702-ex23
XV-ex706-M.P.
XV-ex724-M.P. 35
XV-ex724-M.P. 36
XV-ex734-191/193 inclusive
XV-804-314
XV-807-346
XVII-390-28
XIII-665-107/110 inclusive
XIII-667-124 and 125