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KOREA - ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON IMPORTS OF
POLYACETAL RESINS FROM THE UNITED STATES

Request by the United States for conciliation
under Article 15:3 of the Agreement

The following communication, dated 12 September 1991, has been received from the United States Trade Representative.

I wish to confirm the request of the United States, initially made on 2 August, for conciliation by the Committee under Article 15:3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (the "Anti-Dumping Code") of a determination by the Government of Korea concerning imports of polyacetal resins from, inter alia, the United States. I ask that you circulate our request (a copy of which is attached) to signatories of the Anti-Dumping Code.

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My authorities have instructed me to refer to the Committee for conciliation under Article 15:3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (the "Anti-Dumping Code") of a determination by the Government of Korea concerning imports of polyacetal resins from, inter alia, the United States.

On 19 June, the United States requested consultations with the Government of Korea under Article 15:2, with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory resolution of this matter. On 24 July 1991, representatives of my Government met with Korean Government representatives in Geneva to discuss the determination. Unfortunately, the consultation failed to achieve a mutually agreed solution. In fact, the Korean Government representatives indicated that they were not prepared even to discuss the substance of the concerns outlined in our request.

Accordingly, it continues to be the view of my Government that, as a result of the Korean decision, benefits accruing to the United States under the Anti-Dumping Code are being nullified or impaired and that the achievement of the proper application of the Code is being impeded as a result of the Korean Government's decision in this case. In that regard, my Government is particularly concerned with the decision of the Korean Trade Commission concerning the existence of material injury by reason of the imports subject to investigation. We will provide a more detailed description of these concerns shortly.

We hope that the Committee can meet to consider this matter at an early opportunity. My authorities are hopeful that through your Good Offices and the Committee's efforts, we will be able to achieve a mutually satisfactory resolution of this matter. To that end, we remain prepared, of course, to schedule further meetings with representatives of the Government of Korea during the conciliation process.