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Communication from the Netherlands

The following communication, dated 25 November 1992, sent by the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Netherlands Antilles, to the Deputy United States Trade Representative in Geneva, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.3 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (BISD 36S/62).

By our letter of 30 October 1992, we submitted a request to observe a small pause in the panel procedures in the so-called tuna case, in order to study the latest amendments in "the US Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972". This request was honoured. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Netherlands Antilles, as co-complainant to the above panel would now like to propose to the United States Government to have supplementary consultations under Article XXIII in order to seek further clarifications on the amendments of the MMPA and their implications.

Referring to the letter sent by the Commission of the European Communities on this matter of 18 November 1992[1], I would like to propose that these consultations take place on the same date as those to be held with the European Communities.

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[1] DS29/6