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Addendum

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by the United States

The following communication, dated 11 June 1976, has been received from the United States delegation.

Despite weeks of intensive bilateral consultations with the European Community, it has not been possible to reach a satisfactory resolution of the issues referred to in L/4321. The United States therefore considers it necessary to refer the matter to the CONTRACTING PARTIES under Article XXIII:2 for prompt investigation and appropriate recommendations.

We ask therefore that a panel of experts be convened at the earliest convenient date to consider the following complaint of the United States concerning the EEC systems of minimum import prices, licensing and surety deposits for certain processed fruits and vegetables, that

- the system of minimum import prices maintained by the EEC is not consistent with the obligations of the EEC under the GATT
- the licensing and surety deposit system maintained by the EEC is not consistent with the obligations of the EEC under the GATT
- the EEC systems of minimum import prices, licensing and surety deposits nullify or impair benefits accruing to the United States under the GATT.

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