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SPAIN - TARIFF TREATMENT OF UNROASTED COFFEE

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by Brazil

The following communication, dated 28 April 1980, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Brazil, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

I have the honour to inform you that Brazil has held Article XXIII:1 consultation with Spain on 27 March 1980, on the question of the tariff treatment to imports of unroasted coffee into Spain, as provided in the "Real Decreto" 1764/79, of 8 July 1979, which, as indicated in GATT document L/4948, my Government considers to be in violation of Article I:1 of the General Agreement, in so far as it discriminates against imports of coffees originating in, and produced by, Brazil. I regret to inform you that, as in the case of previous bilateral talks on the subject, the above-mentioned Article XXIII:1 consultation did not result in a satisfactory adjustment between the two parties.

Therefore, Brazil hereby wishes to invoke the procedures of Article XXIII:2 of the GATT, and requests that a panel be established by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to examine the matter. I furthermore request that an item be included in the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council of Representatives, to decide on the Brazilian request for a panel.

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