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## EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - TARIFF PREFERENCES TO CITRUS PRODUCTS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

## United States - Request for Consultations under Article XXII:1

A copy of the following communication, dated 24 July 1980 and addressed to the representative of the Commission of the European Communities, has been received from the United States Trade Representative, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

On instructions of my authorities, I convey to you the request of the Government of the United States for consultations with the Commission of the European Communities under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concerning tariff preferences accorded by the members of the European Communities to citrus products of certain c untries in the Mediterranean region. United States exports of citrus products to the members of the European Communities continue to be adversely affected by such teriff preferences, which contravene obligations of members of the European Communities under the General Agreement.

This matter should be pursued in accordance with the Understanding Regarding Notification, Consultation, Dispute Settlement and Surveillance (Framework Agreement). My Government requests that these consultations take place at the earliest possible date.

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