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Request by the Ivory Coast for Consultations under Article XXII

The following communication addressed to the Permanent Representative of the United States and dated 5 July 1982, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Ivory Coast for circulation to contracting parties.

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The authorities of my country have informed me of the decision taken at the beginning of May 1982 by the United States Government to place sugar imports under quota. This measure, by excluding the Ivory Coast from the quota allocation countries, is threatening to cause serious injury to my country's export trade in sugar.

Accordingly, I am instructed formally to request the opening of bilateral consultations on this matter under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

In addition, I would be obliged if you could make the necessary arrangements so that these consultations may take place in the very near future at Geneva.

In accordance with the procedures regarding consultations under Article XXII on questions affecting the interests of a number of contracting parties, adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 10 November 1958 (BISD, Seventh Supplement, page 24), I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Director-General of GATT so that he may notify it to all contracting parties.