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Request of the United States for Consultations under Article XXII

The following communication, dated 10 June 1983 and addressed to the Permanent Mission of Spain, has been received from the delegation of the United States, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

On instructions from my authorities, I wish to request consultations under Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, concerning certain practices which the United States believes have resulted in a substantial increase in Spanish exports of soybean oil and in artificially low prices for Spanish soybean products in third country markets, to the disadvantage of US exports of soybean products. The Spanish practices in question, which we believe result in prejudice to US exports to third country markets, include an internal consumption quota for soybean oil, overrebating of taxes and preferential financing with respect to exports of soybean products.

We would request that these consultations be held at some mutually convenient time during the period of 6 July to 13 July.