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Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by Canada

The following communication, dated 1 March 1984, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Canada with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties and that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council on 13 March 1984.

The Government of Canada notified CONTRACTING PARTIES earlier (L/5589, 12 January 1984) that it had requested consultations with the European Communities pursuant to Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement concerning the decision taken by the Council of the European Communities to open a duty-free quota for newsprint at a level of 500,000 tonnes as of 1 January 1984. This action was taken notwithstanding the obligation of the EEC, inscribed in Schedule LXXII, to open an annual duty-free tariff quota within the limits of 1.5 million tonnes.

Consultations have been held between Canadian and European Communities authorities but have not achieved a satisfactory adjustment of the matter. The Government of Canada therefore requests that the CONTRACTING PARTIES establish a panel, pursuant to the provisions of Article XXIII:2, to investigate the matter and to make recommendations or give a ruling on it, as appropriate.