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SOUTH AFRICA - MEASURES AFFECTING THE SALE OF GOLD COINS

Request of Canada for Consultations under Article XXII:1

The following communication, dated 31 July 1984 and addressed to the Permanent Mission of South Africa, has been received from the delegation of Canada with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

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The Canadian authorities have noticed with concern that gold coins imported into South Africa are subject to a domestic sales tax which increased from a rate of 7 per cent to 10 per cent as of 1 July 1984. It is the understanding of the Canadian authorities that South African-produced gold coins are exempted from this domestic sales tax.

The Canadian authorities, therefore, request an opportunity to consult with South African authorities under the terms of Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in order to seek clarification of the nature of South African measures affecting the sale of gold coins in the South African market and would propose that such a meeting be held at an early, mutually convenient time.