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UNITED STATES BAN ON IMPORTS OF STEEL PIPES AND TUBES
FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Communication from the Commission of the European Communities

The following communication, dated 7 December 1984, has been received from the delegation of the European Communities.

During the fortieth session of the GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES on 30 November 1984, the representative of the European Community made a declaration about the recent import prohibition by the United States on all imports of steel pipes and tubes of Community origin. He stated that the Community expected prompt notification of the measure and indicated the intention of the EEC to ask for immediate consultations.

Since, as of today, such a notification has still not been made and since the measure constitutes a clear breach of GATT provisions, the Community hereby formally requests that the GATT Council of Representatives be convened urgently to consider the issue and that such a meeting be held no later than Monday, 17 December 1984.