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UNITED STATES - TRADE MEASURES AFFECTING NICARAGUA

Communication from Nicaragua

The following communication, dated 6 May 1985, has been received from Nicaragua.

On 1 May last, my Government was informed that the President of the United States of America had decreed a total trade embargo and other economic sanctions against Nicaragua which were to take effect as from 7 May 1985.

Considering that the measures adopted by the United States Government constitute a flagrant violation of the objective provisions of the General Agreement and in particular those set forth in Articles I, II, V, XI, XIII and in Part IV, and create an emergency situation for a developing contracting party, I am hereby requesting that a special meeting be convened of the GATT Council of Representatives so that the contracting parties may examine the economic sanctions adopted unilaterally by the United States Government against Nicaragua and may take the measures which the gravity of the matter requires.

Nicaragua underlines the fact that the economic sanctions announced by the United States Executive constitute a measure of political coercion which is in breach of the provisions of the Ministerial Declaration of November 1982 and infringes Resolution 530 of the Security Council and the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on assistance to Nicaragua and on the situation in Central America.