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UNITED STATES - TARIFF INCREASES AND IMPORT PROHIBITIONS ON IMPORTS FROM BRAZIL

Recourse to Article XXIII:1 by Brazil

The text of the following letter from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the Deputy United States Trade Representative in Geneva, dated 26 November 1987, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Brazil with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request consultations with the Government of the United States under the Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. This request concerns the United States Government's announced intention to raise tariffs on Brazilian exports to the United States and to prohibit imports from Brazil of certain computer products in disregard of Brazilian rights and the United States obligations under the GATT. The announcement of the intended prohibition and of the tariffs raise with the declared intention of causing a loss of US \$105.000.000 (a hundred and five million dollars) to Brazilian exports, followed by the publication of a list of Brazilian products (with a trade value of more than US \$700.000.000 in 1986) that could be affected by these measures, is already disrupting trade and damaging Brazilian interests.

2. The Government of Brazil considers that such a practice is not consistent with the United States' obligations under the relevant provisions of the GATT, and constitutes a "prima facie" case of nullification and impairment of the benefits accruing to Brazil under the General Agreement, in particular Articles I, II, XXVIII and XIII.

3. The Government of Brazil requests that consultations be held at the earliest mutually agreeable date.