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CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXIII:1 OF THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 15:2
OF THE ANTI-DUMPING CODE

Request by Japan

The following communication dated 29 July 1988 has been received by the Director-General from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

I have been instructed by my authorities to inform you that on 27 July 1988, the Government of Japan requested consultations with the European Community under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as well as under Article 15:2 of the Anti-Dumping Code concerning the Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1761/87 of 22 June 1987 and its application to some products assembled or produced by Japanese-related companies in the EEC.

A copy of the letter requesting the consultations, from Ambassador Muneoki Date, Japanese Mission to the European Communities, to Mr. Horst Krenzler, Director-General D.G.I., Commission of the European Communities, is attached herewith.

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Request for consultations under GATT Article XXIII:1 and
AD Code Article 15:2

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I wish to request consultations with the European Community under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) as well as under Article 15:2 of the Anti-Dumping Code concerning the Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1761/87 of 22 June, 1987 and its applications to some products assembled or produced by Japanese-related companies in the EEC.

The Government of Japan considers that the regulation and such practices contravene the EEC's obligations under the relevant provisions of the GATT and the AD Code, inter alia, those of Articles III and VI of the GATT as well as Articles 1,8 and 16 of the AD Code, and constitute a prima facie case of nullification and impairment of the benefits accruing to Japan under the GATT and the AD Code.

The Government of Japan requests that the above two types of consultations be held on the same date agreeable to both sides, preferably in the week starting 5 September 1988, with a view to reaching a satisfactory solution of this matter which should include repeal of the regulation and withdrawal of the EEC's decisions based on the regulation to levy anti-dumping duties on certain Japanese-related companies.

NOTE

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The review summarizes significant trade policy developments over the period October 1987 to March 1988. It focuses on developments and events which are relevant to the work of the GATT. It is based on country notifications to the GATT and on other official sources as well as reports in the economic press. The coverage may not necessarily be exhaustive or uniform because the availability of information on measures can vary.

The survey begins with an overview of main trade policy developments. It goes on to bring together information relating to a number of economic sectors and to regional groupings. The next sections deal with commercial policy changes introduced by governments and with trade policy measures under consideration. The last sections of the survey deal with developments in other related areas, including exchange rates. Appendices I-IV summarize information contained in notifications to the GATT, not all of which are available for general circulation. Appendix V lists export restraint arrangements of various kinds, both new and old, that are still in operation.