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Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, India, Nicaragua, Peru  
and the Republic of the Philippines

Addendum

The following communication, dated 24 June 1982 and addressed to the Head of the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Colombia, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

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On behalf of the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, India, Nicaragua, Peru and the Republic of the Philippines, I thank you for your letter of 15 June.

The complainant contracting parties have requested me to clarify, with regard to the first paragraph of your letter, that they have never implied - much less recognized - that a consultation under Article XXIII of the GATT must be of a bilateral character. On the contrary, as they have pointed out through my letter of 4 May 1982, joint consultations are perfectly legal under the GATT.

In this context, and with a view to the satisfactory and expeditious adjustment of this matter, the complainant contracting parties hereby propose that the consultation which we have requested take place at a mutually convenient time in the week beginning 28 June.

Such consultation would, of course, be without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the contracting parties involved in relation to any possible subsequent action under the relevant provisions of the General Agreement.