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The following communication dated 7 June 1979, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Chile, with the request that it be circulated to the contracting parties.

The Government of Chile has taken cognizance of the note of 4 May 1979 from the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, circulated as document L/4807, notifying the application of restrictions on imports of apples during the current marketing year under regulation (EEC) 687/79 of 5 April 1979.

In this connexion, attention is drawn to the fact that under that regulation "safeguard measures" are being applied that have the effect of prohibiting only the import of apples originating in Chile. The measure which was announced when the season was well under way, is applicable until 15 August next.

The Government of Chile considers that the discriminatory and retroactive application of this measure is impairing its rights under the General Agreement. Furthermore, the product concerned is one in respect of which the EEC has bound its customs tariff within GATT.

In view of the foregoing the Government of Chile has requested, and is currently engaged in, consultations with the EEC under Article XXIII:1, with a view to achieving a mutually satisfactory solution at the earliest possible date.