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Recourse to Article XXIII by Argentina, Australia, Brazil,
Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, India, Nicaragua, Peru
and the Republic of the Philippines

The following communication, dated 4 May 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.

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 26 April.

I have been requested by them to point out to you that, although a joint request for Article XXIII consultations may be unusual, it is nevertheless perfectly legal under the GATT.

The complainant contracting parties therefore maintain their request to the Member States of the European Communities for joint consultations with a view to the satisfactory adjustment of this matter.

It would be appreciated if the consultations requested in my original letter of 2 April could be undertaken promptly and expeditiously with a view to reaching mutually satisfactory conclusions.