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UNITED STATES - IMPORTS OF SUGAR FROM NICARAGUA

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by Nicaragua

The Director-General has received from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua the following communication, dated 27 June 1983, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

I have the honour to inform you that Nicaragua held consultations under Article XXIII:1, with the United States of America on 8 June 1983 on the question of sugar import restrictions which, as indicated in document L/5492, are considered by the authorities of my country to be in breach of the General Agreement.

I regret to inform you that the consultations did not lead to a satisfactory adjustment of the matter.

In the circumstances, the authorities of my country saw fit to seek the good offices of the Director-General, in accordance with the procedures under Article XXIII adopted in 1966, with a view to facilitating a solution. Nevertheless, in view of the position taken by the United States of America during the aforementioned consultations, the authorities of my country consider further that in this case it would be difficult to arrive at a satisfactory adjustment of the matter through those procedures.

Nicaragua consequently wishes to resort to the dispute settlement procedures provided for in Article XXIII:2 and requests the CONTRACTING PARTIES to establish a panel to examine the question.

Nicaragua also wishes to request that an item be included in the agenda for the next meeting of the Council so that a decision may be taken on Nicaragua's request for the establishment of a panel and on the terms of reference and composition thereof.