

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

C/127

5 June 1984

Limited Distribution

COUNCIL

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY - IMPORTS OF NEWSPRINT

Recourse by Canada

Note by the Chairman

1. At its meeting on 13 March 1984 the Council agreed to establish a Panel to examine, under Article XXIII:2, the complaint by Canada concerning the imports of newsprint into the European Economic Community (L/5628). The Council authorized me, in consultation with the parties concerned, to draw up appropriate terms of reference and to nominate the Chairman and members of the Panel (C/M/176).

2. The composition of the Panel is as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Gardner Patterson

Members: Mr. Alberto Dumont
Mr. Michael Shaton

3. The terms of reference of the Panel read as follows:

To examine, in the light of relevant GATT provisions the complaint by Canada that:

(a) the opening by the EEC of a duty-free quota for newsprint, as established by EEC Council regulation number 3684/83 of 22 December 1983, is not consistent with EC obligations under Article II of the GATT;

(b) this action has nullified or impaired benefits accruing to Canada under the GATT; and

To make such findings as will assist the contracting parties in making recommendations and rulings as appropriate.