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BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN REGARDING TRADE IN SEMI-CONDUCTORS

Recourse by the EEC to Article XXII:1

Communications from the EEC

The following communications, dated 8 October 1986, have been received from the Commission of the European Communities, with the request that it be circulated, for information, to contracting parties.

I. Communication addressed to the Delegation of Japan

I have been instructed by my authorities to notify you of the request by the European Communities to initiate consultations under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement with Japan in respect of the implications for Community exports and imports of semi-conductors created by the bilateral arrangement recently concluded between the United States of America and Japan regarding trade in these products. In particular, the Community's concerns related to those aspects of the arrangement which deal with market access in Japan for semi-conductors and to its provisions regarding third country markets. It is possible that other aspects could also give cause for concern, including accompanying provisions of an interpretative or complementary nature. Consequently, the Community also requests that such provisions be communicated, to the extent that they affect its interests.

It is the wish of the European Community that these consultations start without delay.

The European Community reserves its right to raise these matters under other relevant GATT instruments.

II. Communication addressed to the Delegation of the United States

I have been instructed by my authorities to notify you of the request by the European Communities to initiate consultations under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement with the United States in respect of the implications for Community exports and imports of semi-conductors created by the bilateral arrangement recently concluded between the United States of America and Japan regarding trade in these products. In particular, the Community's concerns relate to those aspects of the arrangement which deal with market access in

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