

COUNCIL

15 June 1988

INDIA - IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON ALMONDS

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by the United States

Note by the Chairman

Addendum

1. At its meeting on 10-11 November 1987, the Council agreed to establish a Panel to examine the complaint by the United States and authorized the Council Chairman, in consultations with the parties concerned, to draw up the terms of reference and to designate the Chairman and members of the Panel (C/M/215, pages 5-7). On 20 April 1988, contracting parties were informed of the Panel's terms of reference and composition (C/154).

2. I have now been informed by Mr. See Chak Mun, Chairman of the Panel, that he has received the following communication, dated 3 June 1988, from the Permanent Representative of the United States:

"This is to advise you, the other panel members, and (through the Secretariat) the other contracting parties that the Governments of India and the United States have reached a mutually satisfactory solution of their dispute concerning India's restrictions on imports of almonds. As a result, my Government hereby withdraws its complaint and request for resolution of the dispute by the dispute settlement panel.

"Let me describe the essential details of the basis of the mutually satisfactory solution. The agreement has a six-year term. During the first three years (April 1988 - March 1991), India will allow annual almond import authorizations from all sources to increase to \$20 million. In the second three-year period (1991-1994), India will remove all import licensing restrictions on almonds if India's balance of payments position improves to a specified level. India also will lower its tariff on shelled almonds from Rs. 56 per kilogram to Rs. 50 per kilogram and bind it at that level, and will bind the tariff on unshelled almonds at the current level of Rs. 28 per kilo.

"In conclusion I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, the other members of the panel, and the Secretariat staff for the time and effort expended in regard to this dispute."