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REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VII:4

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Reproduced below is a request of 1 July 1987, by the European Economic Community to the United States, for consultations under Article VII:4 of the Agreement on Government Procurement concerning the procurement of machine tools by the US Department of Defense.

My authorities have instructed me, on behalf of the European Economic Community, to request consultations with the Government of the United States of America under Article VII:4 of the Agreement on Government Procurement, with regard to the part of House Joint Resolution No. 738 on Continuing Appropriations for fiscal year 1987 which refers to the procurement of machine tools to the Department of Defense.

Two rounds of consultations under Article VII:3 have not led to a satisfactory outcome. Given that the Community considers that this matter results in nullification and impairment of a benefit accruing to it under the Agreement, it wishes to pursue the consultations with a view to reaching a mutually-satisfactory solution. Since a meeting of the informal group to the code is scheduled for the 8 and 9 July, we would suggest that the consultations be held at one of these dates.