

EEC - DIRECTIVE ON TRANSFRONTIER TELEVISION

Request for Consultations under Article XXII:1  
by the United States

The following letter, dated 11 October 1989, from the Office of the United States Trade Representative to the Delegation of the European Communities, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.3 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES's 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (L/6489).

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The United States Government requests consultations under Article XXII, paragraph 1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in connection with the passage by the EC of the Council Directive on the Coordination of Certain Provisions Laid Down by Law, Regulation or Administrative Action in Member States Concerning the Pursuit of Television Broadcasting Activities. Articles 4 and 6 of the directive contain language which we believe may obligate a member state to take action that would violate the GATT and nullify and impair benefits accruing to the United States.

Accordingly, we request consultations under the GATT to clarify the matter.

We request that these consultations take place in Geneva during the week of November 27, 1989. We look forward to your reply.