

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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FRANCE - TELEVISION BROADCASTING OF CINEMATOGRAPHIC  
AND AUDIOVISUAL WORKS

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

The following letter, dated 26 April 1990, from the Office of the United States Trade Representative to the Permanent Delegation of France, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.3 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' 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 your Government's passage on January 17, 1990, of Decree no. 90-68 concerning the television broadcasting of cinematographic and audiovisual works.

The United States Government believes that Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Decree contain language which is inconsistent with obligations of your Government under the GATT and nullifies and impairs benefits accruing to the United States under the GATT.

Accordingly, we want to clarify the matter through consultations under the GATT. We are requesting that these consultations take place in Geneva during the week of June 4. We look forward to your reply.