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EC - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF CANNED TUNA AND SARDINES

Conclusions of the Consultations under Article XXII:1

The following joint communications, dated 19 July 1994, have been received from the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities in Geneva with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION B OF THE DECISION OF 12 APRIL 1989
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RULES AND PROCEDURES**

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It is therefore only a transitional system replacing national quantitative restriction of unlimited period. This transitional system was introduced with a view to harmonizing the rules within the single market of the European Union rather than leaving different import regimes in Member States.

The European Union confirms that this transitional system will be terminated on 31 December 1996 in accordance with Article 21 of Council Regulation (EEC) N° 3759/92 published in the EC Official Journal N° L 388/1 of 31.12.1992.

On the basis of the above, the European Community and the Philippines confirm that the present consultation under Article XXII:1 has been satisfactorily concluded.

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