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## ARTICLE XXII - CONSULTATIONS

### Request by the United Kingdom for Consultations with the Member States of the EEC

Under the procedures for consultations agreed upon by the Intersessional Committee (IC/SR.38, page 21), the Government of the United Kingdom has advised the Executive Secretary that a communication has been addressed to the six Member States requesting consultations regarding the effects on the trade in cocoa, coffee and bananas of the provisions of the Rome Treaty relating to the association of Overseas Territories.

Any contracting party wishing to claim a substantial trade interest in this matter and wishing to be joined in any of the proposed consultations should so advise the Government of the United Kingdom and the Governments of the six Member States. Advice of any such claim should be transmitted also to the GATT secretariat. Claims of substantial interest should be accompanied by supporting statistical data.

The following is the text of the communication addressed by the United Kingdom Government to the Member States:

"Her Majesty's Government were glad to learn from GATT document L/822 that the Member States of the European Economic Community have accepted the procedures agreed at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Intersessional Committee Meeting in April for further discussion of Treaty of Rome questions in the GATT. Her Majesty's Government have duly noted the comments of the Member States on these procedures as contained in the aforementioned document.

"Her Majesty's Government for their part also accept the procedure laid down by the Intersessional Committee and, in particular, they agree with the Committee's view that it would be more fruitful if attention could be directed to specific and practical problems, leaving aside for the time being questions of law and debate about the compatibility of the Rome Treaty with Article XXIV of the General Agreement.

