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## ARTICLE XXII - CONSULTATIONS

### Request by India for a Consultation 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 India 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 tea of the provisions of the Rome Treaty relating both to the proposed common tariff and 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 the proposed consultation should so advise the Government of India 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 Government of India to the Member States:

"The Government of India invite reference by the Member States of the European Economic Community to GATT Document L/822 notifying acceptance by the six Governments of the procedures agreed to at the GATT Intersessional Committee meeting in April for further discussions in the GATT of questions relating to the Treaty of Rome. The Government of India have noted the Intersessional Committee's recommendations that discussions on the legal compatibility of the Rome Treaty with the provisions of the GATT should for the present be put aside and attention directed instead to the specific trade problems created by the Treaty.

"In the course of discussions at the Twelfth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT and in the GATT Working Party on Overseas Territories, the Government of India have drawn attention to some of the specific and practical problems created for their trade by certain provisions of the Treaty of Rome and in particular those relating to the association of the overseas territories with the Economic Community. The Indian Government wishes to enter into consultations with the six Member States on the commodities most immediately and directly affected by the provisions of the Treaty of Rome in question.

