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Addendum

The following communication, dated 19 August 1992, has been received from the Commission of the European Communities.

At the meeting of the Council of Representatives on 19 June 1992, the Community was authorized by the contracting parties to begin negotiations under Article XXVIII, paragraph 4, of the General Agreement with a view to modifying its tariff concessions in respect of soyabeans (Tariff No. 1201.00.90), rape or colza seeds (1205.00.90), sunflower seeds (1206.00.90) and oilcake of soyabeans, rape or colza seeds and sunflower seeds (2304.00.00, 2306.30.00, 2306.40.00); which are included in the Community's current schedule of concessions (LXXX - EC).

On this basis, the Community has held three rounds of meetings with all contracting parties which so requested and which possessed negotiating or consultation rights with regard to one or more of the concessions concerned under the relevant provisions of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.

The negotiations have progressed in a constructive manner and will be actively pursued in coming weeks so as to reach a prompt solution. The Community hopes that a mutually satisfactory solution may thus be found and is continuing to deploy every effort to that end. Nevertheless, at the present stage the possibility cannot be ruled out that it might be useful for the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in accordance with Article XXVIII:4(d), first sentence, to submit their views to the contracting parties primarily concerned with the aim of achieving a settlement.

As the applicant contracting party, the Community therefore requests that this item be included in the agenda of the next Council of Representatives pursuant to Article XXVIII:4(c) and (d), first sentence.