EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - REFUNDS ON EXPORTS OF SUGAR

The following draft decision is distributed under item 8 of the agenda:
EEC - Refunds on exports of sugar.

With regard to the report of the GATT Panel entitled "European Communities: Refunds on exports of sugar, complaint by Australia" (L/4833) adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 6 November 1979, and considering the findings and conclusions set out in the report as well as the debates which took place in the Council, the Council, in the light of the reports submitted by Australia and the Community on their exchange of views under the terms of paragraph 1 of Article XVI of the General Agreement, invites the Community to enter into consultations, under Article XVI paragraph 1, about the export refunds granted by the Community on sugar, with the contracting parties who request this and who consider that serious prejudice to their interests is caused or threatened, in order to examine with them the possibility of limiting the refunds.

The secretariat is charged with the organization of these consultations. A report on these consultations must be presented to the Council within the space of three months.