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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THEIR
CONSEQUENCES FOR GATT, AND STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE 1982 MINISTERIAL WORK PROGRAMME

Proposal by the European Communities

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS OF THE COUNCIL

1. It is agreed to convene a meeting of Senior Officials of contracting
   parties and of countries applying the GATT on de facto basis, to undertake
   discussions aimed at broadening consensus in favour of moving towards a new
   round of multilateral trade negotiations. These discussions would begin on
   9 September 1985, on the understanding that participation is without
   commitment and without preconditions by any country as to a future course
   of action.

2. As a basis for initiating work on the subject matter and modalities of
   a new round, including the question of participation therein, the
   discussions will utilize all written communications presented by
   contracting parties relative to these questions as well as the records of
   the substantive discussions on these questions in the Council.

3. A progress report on the discussion will be prepared for the next
   regular session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in order to facilitate a
   decision on a future course of action.