EEC - EXPORTS OF CANADIAN GRAINS

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by Canada

The following communication, dated 22 March 1990, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada with the request that it be inscribed on the agenda of the Council meeting to be held on 3 April 1990.

Pursuant to Canada's request, consultations were held under the provisions of Article XXIII:1 on February 9, 1990 between Canada and the European Community regarding Canada's rights related to the export of grains to the Community which arise out of the introduction of the common agricultural policy and the expansion of the Community to include the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark. While Canada's rights related to the expansion of the Community as reflected in the 1975 Text of Joint Declaration to the GATT Council by Canada and the EEC were recognized in the February 9 bilateral consultations, Canada's rights related to the introduction of the common agricultural policy and the 1962 bilateral agreements remain at issue. As the consultations have not resolved the remaining differences, Canada therefore requests formation of a panel under Article XXIII:2 to examine the complaint set out in DS12/1 of January 12.