The following letter, dated 2 February 1990, from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Office of the United States Trade Representative, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.3 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES’ 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (L/6489).

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to convey to you the request of my authorities to enter into consultations with the United States, under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, concerning the effects on Brazilian soya-bean oil exports of the United States practices under the Export Enhancement Programme (EEP).

On several occasions, in the past, Brazil expressed concern with such practices that resulted in underpricing and have hampered its exports, but so far no concrete satisfactory result has been achieved.

It is therefore with a view to solving this problem that Brazil requests consultations, under the appropriate GATT dispute settlement mechanism, as soon as possible, at a date of mutual convenience.