EEC - IMPORT REGIME FOR BANANAS

Communication from Colombia

The Chairman of the Panel on EEC - Import Régime for Bananas has received the following communication from the permanent representative of Colombia, dated 11 February 1994:

On behalf of my authorities, I formally convey to you the decision of the Government of Colombia to accept the offer on bananas registered by the European Union on 14th December 1993 in their Uruguay Round Schedule of market access concessions, with the amendments that have been agreed since then and which are detailed in the attachment.*

Consequently, Colombia is ready to immediately withdraw from the dispute settlement process established by the GATT Council on 16 June 1993 to examine EC’s Regulation 404/93 under your chairmanship.

However, since the European Union banana offer is conditional, our acceptance is subject to confirmation that such offer stands firm.

Colombia is certain that her decision will contribute to liquidating the banana conflict which has been source of deep division between ourselves and the European Union. We trust that the resulting peace will produce generous dividends for all.

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