The following communication, dated 10 November 1986, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

As part of the omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act 1986, the United States Government will impose a customs user fee, set on an ad valorem basis, on all imports as of 1 December 1986. Canadian authorities consider that the imposition of fees on an ad valorem basis does not correspond to the cost of providing the service of processing the import of a product. In the Canadian Government's view, the imposition of this customs user fee is not consistent with the provisions of the GATT, in particular Article VIII(1)(A). Accordingly, the Canadian delegation hereby requests to enter into consultations with the United States under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement. It is requested that these consultations be initiated within the next two weeks. The Canadian delegation would welcome the participation of other delegations wishing to join in these consultations.