REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VII:3

Communication from the European Economic Community

The following communication, dated 25 February 1987, has been received from the European Economic Community with a request that it be circulated.

I have been instructed by my authorities to notify the wish of the European Economic Community to initiate consultations under Article VII:3 of the GATT Agreement on Government Procurement with respect to the part of House Joint Resolution No. 738 on Continuing Appropriations for fiscal year 1987 which refers to the Procurement of machine tools to the Department of Defense.

Section 9115 of the House Joint Resolution 758 provides that the Department of Defense may only procure certain machine tools if they have been manufactured in the United States or Canada.

In the European Community's view, this amendment is not consistent with the provisions of the Agreement on Government Procurement.

It is the wish of the EC Delegation that these consultations could be held during the month of March.