CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 3:2 OF THE AGREEMENT

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 12 June 1991, has been received from the Office of the United States Trade Representative with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Committee.

This is to confirm that the United States has accepted the request of the Government of Norway to consider consultations under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement regarding the imposition by the US authorities of countervailing duties on fresh and chilled Atlantic salmon from Norway as consultations under Article 3:2 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

My authorities have suggested to the Norwegian authorities that additional consultations would be appropriate to further identify and clarify for both parties the issues of concern to the Government of Norway. Such consultations are particularly appropriate concerning the US Commerce Department's countervailing duty determination and the US International Trade Commission's affirmative injury determination, because previous consultations have not disclosed in significant detail the Government of Norway's concerns regarding these determinations. We understand that the Norwegian authorities are likely to react positively to our suggestion. We made this suggestion because we believe that it is in the interests of, and consistent with the principles of, Article 3 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures for the issues to be clearly identified and understood at this stage.