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Communication from Colombia

The following communication, dated 12 October 1995, from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the Permanent Missions of Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico and the Chairman of the DSB is circulated at the request of the Permanent Mission of Colombia.

The Government of Colombia takes note of the joint request for consultations submitted by the United States, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico regarding the European Communities' regime for the importation, sale and distribution of bananas established by Regulation 404/93 and the legislation to implement, supplement and amend that regime¹, including the Framework Agreement on Bananas (Council Regulation No. 3290/94, OJ L 349 and the legislation identified in Annex 1).

As can be seen from the statistics in Annex 2 to this letter, Colombia has a substantial commercial interest in this matter, being a banana-producing country whose exports to the European Union account for 21 per cent of total imports into that market under non-preferential arrangements.

In view of this substantial commercial interest and taking into account the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures and Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Government of Colombia wishes to be associated with this consultation procedure.

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ANNEX 1

1. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 3224/94, OJ L 337/94.
2. Council Regulation (EC) No. 3290/94, OJ L 349/95, Annex XV.
3. Commission (DG VI) Communication to Member States, No. 8411/95.
4. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 478/95, OJ L 49/95.
5. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 702/95, OJ L 71/95.
6. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 703/95, OJ L 71/95.
7. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 704/95, OJ L 71/95.
8. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1210/95, OJ L 120/95.
9. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1220/95, OJ L 120/95.
10. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1387/95, OJ L 134/95.
11. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1889/95, OJ L 179/95.
12. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1923/95, OJ L 185/95.
13. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2007/95, OJ L 196/95.
14. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2234/95, OJ L 225/95.
15. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2329/95, OJ L 235/95.

ANNEX 2

Banana Imports of the European Union

1992			1993			1994			Average
TOTAL	COLOMBIA		TOTAL	COLOMBIA		TOTAL	COLOMBIA		
	Tons	%		Tons	%		Tons	%	%
2,418,464	519,200	21.47	2,222,955	417,421	18.78	2,098,679	460,840	21.96	20.73

Source: EUROSTAT.