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Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 29 May 1998, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

On instructions from my authorities, I am writing with reference to the WTO document WT/COMTD/N/8, dated 30 April 1998, notifying the WTO under Article XVIII:C of the intention of Colombia to impose quantitative restrictions on imports of salt. United States exports of salt to Colombia are growing and represented 12.5 percent of total Colombian salt imports in 1997 and approximately 35 percent of non-preferential imports. The measure proposed by Colombia would therefore appreciably affect the trade of the United States in the sense of the Note Ad Paragraphs 15 and 16 of Article XVIII. Pursuant to that Note and to Article XVIII:15, the United States hereby requests that the Council for Trade in Goods request Colombia to consult with the Council concerning its action.

The United States has reviewed the notification submitted by Colombia and considers that measures consistent with the other provisions of the GATT 1994 exist which would be practicable in order to achieve the objective set forth in Article XVIII:13.

The United States also requests that this matter be inscribed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council for Trade in Goods.