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TURKEY - TAXATION OF FOREIGN FILM REVENUES

Request for Consultations by the United States

The following communication, dated 12 June 1996, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Mission of Turkey and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to request consultations with the Government of Turkey pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU") and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) regarding Turkey's taxation of revenues generated from the showing of foreign films in a manner less favourable than its taxation of revenues generated from the showing of domestic-origin films, including through the application of Turkey's Law on Municipal Revenues. This practice would appear to be inconsistent with the obligations set forth in Article III of the GATT 1994.

We look forward to receiving your reply to the present request and to fixing a mutually convenient date for consultations.