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**EC/US DISCUSSIONS ON
TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT**

On 22 July 1987 another round of consultations was held in Geneva between delegations of the European Community and the United States on matters relating to the Interpretation of Articles 4 and 6 of the GATT Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

The consultations proved to be constructive. There was a large measure of convergence of views on the issues relating to Article 4 of the Agreement, and in particular on the usefulness and possible content of an illustrative, non-exhaustive list of prohibited government inducements attached to the sale or purchase of civil aircraft. The mutual understanding of each others positions with regard to issues relating to Article 6 of the Agreement also improved.

The GATT Committee is prepared to reconvene at the Chairman's initiative on an early occasion in the light of the progress of bilateral consultations.

All signatories recognised that they have a common interest in avoiding a trade conflict in the aircraft sector. Further bilateral and multilateral discussions should be pursued, therefore, with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory result in the near future.