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**MR WILLY DE CLERCQ DECLARES THAT THE TRADE BILL
MUST NOT JEOPARDIZE THE URUGUAY ROUND**

"The President of the United States has signed the Trade Bill. Only the future will show whether the implementation of this Bill by the US Administration will actually affect the credibility of the Uruguay Round negotiating process and the liberalization of international trade. This legislation nevertheless confirms a tendency towards unilateral interpretation of international trade rules.

The Community is prepared to defend its legitimate interests where these are threatened by unilateral measures taken by the US authorities on the basis of the Trade Bill - and in infringement of the GATT. Like any other trading partner, the Community has rights under the GATT and is resolutely determined to defend them should the need arise. I intend to take the opportunity at the next Council meeting in September to draw my colleagues' attention to the need for an appropriate Community response to the situation which has been created.

I would point out that at the Toronto Summit the United States as well as the Community signed the final declaration stating that "countries must continue to resist protectionism and the temptation to adopt unilateral measures outside the framework of GATT rules".

The participants at the Summit also acknowledged that the Community had already assumed its responsibilities by setting itself the target for 1992 of a large unified market which will be open to the outside world and which, it is hoped, will boost economic growth and employment, in the Community and elsewhere."