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## STATEMENT BY SIR LEON BRITTAN ON GATT TALKS WITH USTR MICKEY KANTOR

Sir Leon Brittan, EC Commission Vice President for External Economic Affairs, made the following statement in Brussels today about his meetings with United States Trade Representative Mickey Kantor in Washington yesterday:

"During my talks with Ambassador Kantor in Washington yesterday, we discussed all issues relating to the Uruguay Round, such as market access in goods and services, steel and aircraft, as well as all aspects of agriculture.

We made considerable progress, and agreed to meet for a further round of talks in Brussels on October 13.

On agriculture, I made clear the strength of feeling in Europe as expressed in the EC Council meeting last week. I was not seeking a renegotiation of the Blair House agreement, and indeed the Council of Ministers did not ask for such a renegotiation. I was, on the other hand, exploring the possibility of further interpretations, amplifications, clarifications and additions to Blair House. I gave Mr. Kantor the fullest details of all the ideas I had in mind.

He reiterated that he was not prepared to renegotiate Blair House. Regarding my specific proposals to interpret, amplify, clarify and add to the agreement, he did not express a view at yesterday's meeting. He took delivery of them, and will reflect on them, no doubt consulting as necessary. I made clear to him the importance that the Community attaches to the suggestions I put forward, and I will naturally be expecting a constructive response.

We both stressed the urgent need for progress in Geneva, and felt the progress that we have been making, and our determination to go forward without delay, could and should be matched by a positive contribution from our trading partners in the GATT."

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