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## **Brazil Says U.S. Contravened Commitments Under Uruguay Round**

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On June 2, acting Foreign Minister Paulo Tarso Flecha de Lima told reporters that his government has sent a letter to the US State Department expressing "our concern over three US trade policy decisions that constitute, from our point of view, the postponement of Brazil's legitimate interests." First, he said, was Washington's statement describing Brazil, Japan and India, as primary targets for a battery of US trade sanctions due to respective illegal trade practices. Next, said Tarso Flecha de Lima, were recent statements attributed to John Rosenbaum of the US Trade Representative office proposing a new international coffee agreement excluding Brazil. Third, he said, was an arrangement "outside traditional trade channels" under which the US agreed to sell 200,000 tons of soybean oil to the Soviet Union by means of conceding a \$150/ton subsidy. The acting foreign minister said it appears that one of the principal promoters of the Uruguay Round has forgotten to adhere to basic commitments under the trade talks. Member-nations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) commenced the Uruguay Round in Punta del Este, Uruguay, two years ago. All participating governments agreed to observe existing GATT rules, and avoid the adoption of additional trade barriers and other unilateral actions during the course of the Uruguay Round talks. The US accounts for approximately 20% of Brazil's trade. (Basic data from Notimex, 06/02/89)

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