The following communication, dated 20 December 1982, containing a request by the delegation of the United States for Article XXII:1 consultations with Japan is circulated for the information of contracting parties.

My authorities have instructed me to request on behalf of the Government of the United States, consultations under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with regard to practices of the Government of Japan which restrict access of United States non-rubber footwear exports to the Japanese market.

We would ask that consultations be held during the week of 10 January 1983.