The following communication, dated 6 January 1986, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities.

Further to my letter of 22 November 1985 (circulated as GATT document L/5936), I have the honour to inform you that ratification procedures for the Accession Treaty of Spain and Portugal to the European Communities were completed shortly before the end of 1985. Accordingly, the Treaty has entered into force on 1 January 1986.

I have the honour therefore to confirm the Communities' readiness to enter into formal procedures under the provisions of Article XXIV.