ARTICLE XXVIII:3 NOTIFICATION IN RESPONSE TO ACTIONS BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY UNDER ARTICLE XXIV

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 August 1986, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

On 20 May 1986, in document L/5997, the United States reserved its rights with respect to the withdrawals of concessions in Schedules XLV, XLI, LXXII and LXXIIbis as announced by the European Economic Community on 13 February 1986. In accordance with the procedures of paragraph 3 of Article XXVIII, a contracting party with an initial negotiating right, substantial interest, or principal supplying interest may withdraw substantially equivalent concessions within six months after the date the Community withdrew its concessions. Because that six month period ends on 13 August 1986, the United States finds it necessary to hereby notify its intention to extend the six-month deadline in this case until 31 December 1986.

The United States rejects the Community's assertions, in document L/6009, that the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article XXVIII are inapplicable to Article XXIV:6 negotiations. The U.S. has taken note of the Community's position that the relevant six-month period, in the Community's view, does not conclude on 13 August 1986. While we do not accept that view, we nonetheless assume, given the EC position, that mutual agreement is unnecessary in order to extend the deadline until 31 December 1986.