I have the honour to inform you that on 17 December 1980 the Government of Sweden deposited an instrument of ratification with me, thereby recognizing as fully binding the signature affixed to the above-mentioned Agreement by its plenipotentiary on 17 December 1979.

I also have the honour to inform you that on 22 December 1980 I received a communication from the representative of the European Economic Community, on behalf of which the Agreement had been signed on 17 December 1979 subject to satisfactory completion of negotiations on entity coverage, confirming its acceptance of the Agreement in regard to those signatories to whose lists of entities the European Economic Community had indicated its agreement.

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that on 30 December 1980 the Government of Singapore accepted the Agreement and also deposited with me a Declaration Related to the Agreement, dated 30 December 1980, in which it is declared that the list of entities relating to Singapore, contained in Annex I to the Agreement, is replaced by the agreed list of entities annexed to that Declaration. A certified true copy of this Declaration is furnished herewith.

I also have the honour to inform you that on 30 December 1980 the Agreement was accepted by the Government of Canada.

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that on 30 December 1980 the Government of the United States confirmed the acceptance of the Agreement which had been signed by its plenipotentiary on 17 December 1979 subject to satisfactory completion of negotiations on entity coverage.
I also have the honour to inform you that on 31 December 1980 I received a communication from the representative of Switzerland, on behalf of which the Agreement had been signed on 17 December 1979 without prejudice to acceptance of lists not yet approved, confirming that Switzerland would apply the Agreement in respect of those signatories whose lists of offers in Annex I thenceforth had been agreed.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of its Article IX, the Agreement entered into force on 1 January 1981 for the Governments which had accepted it by that date, i.e. Canada, Finland, Japan, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom (in respect of the territories for which it has international responsibility, except for: Antigua, Bermuds, Brunei, Cayman Islands, The Isle of Man, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis, Sovereign Base Areas Cyprus, Virgin Islands), and the United States, and for the European Economic Community.

Finally, I have the honour to inform you that on 18 December 1980, the Government of Austria deposited with me a Declaration Related to the Agreement, dated 18 December 1980, in which it is declared that the list of entities relating to Austria, contained in Annex I to the Agreement, is replaced by the agreed list of entities annexed to that Declaration. A certified true copy of this Declaration is furnished herewith.

On 30 December 1980 the representative of Austria deposited a communication with me in which it is declared that following the agreement reached on the Austrian list of entities, the Federal Minister for Trade, Commerce and Industry would, without delay, make the arrangements necessary for the initiation of the ratification procedure. Until the conclusion of the domestic procedures, Austria would apply the Agreement as of 1 January 1981.

This notification is furnished in accordance with paragraph 12 of Article IX of the Agreement.

A. Dunkel
Director-General