The following joint communication, dated 21 December 1989, has been received from the Delegations of Canada and the United States.

The Governments of Canada and the United States, referring to document SECRET/HS/7/Add.1, wish to notify the Director General, for the information of other contracting parties, that they have agreed that the period of six months mentioned in Article XXVIII para. 3(a) should be considered as extended until 28 March 1990 to allow further bilateral discussions to take place. This extension is agreed to without prejudice to the position of the United States that Article XXVIII does not provide grounds for the complaint by Canada.