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

With reference to document SECRET/HS/7/Add.2/Suppl.1 of 5 July 1989 the Government of the United States and the Commission of the European Communities 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 further extended until 31 March 1990 to allow the continuation of bilateral discussions with regard to the transposition of Schedule XX (United States) to the Harmonized System Nomenclature.

Signature for the Delegation of the United States

Signature for the Delegation of the European Communities

Geneva, 19 December 1989