The following communication, dated 16 October 1984, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities.

The Commission has the honour to refer to the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat. It hereby notifies the GATT secretariat, for the information of contracting parties that are signatories of the International Dairy Arrangement, of its intention to make the necessary arrangements to export to the world market certain quantities of butter from Community public stocks at a price which, because of the age of the product, would have to be lower than the minimum price currently in force under the Arrangement. This operation is within the framework of a general programme of action to reduce the Community's butter stocks.

The Commission is prepared to furnish more detailed information to the parties to the Arrangement.