The following communication dated 23 December 1987, has been received by the secretariat from the New Zealand Permanent Mission, with the request that it be circulated to the participants to the International Dairy Arrangement.

The New Zealand Dairy Board has entered into commitments to supply up to 26,100 tonnes of butter to the Soviet Union at prices inferior to those fixed under Article 3 of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat. These arrangements have been made in accordance with the Decisions of the Committee of 2 June 1987 (DPC/F/48) and of 15 December 1987 (DPC/F/53). Butter supplied under these arrangements will be shipped from New Zealand in the early months of 1988.

The New Zealand delegation will advise the Chairman and secretariat of the Committee further details of these export shipments as arrangements are finalized.