The following communication, dated 17 January 1991, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities.

I would be grateful if you would circulate to the IDA participants the following notification from the European Communities pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Decision adopted on 12 December 1990 by the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat (DPC/PTL/16):

"A contract for the supply of 200,000 tonnes of Community butter to the USSR has been concluded in principle.

The delivery period is February-September 1991 but is depending on shipping possibilities.

In order to finalize the deal, certain questions still have to be dealt with or are in the process of being solved."