The following communication, dated 8 February 1983, has been received from the delegation of Canada.

In connection with the decision taken by the Committee at its December 1982 meeting, to begin work to lay the factual basis for the further negotiations foreseen under Article IX:6(b) of the Agreement, the Canadian delegation proposes the adoption of the following programme of work with regard to specific derogations: signatories will submit to the secretariat, for circulation to all signatories, information on the volume and value of purchases as well as the types of products purchased by covered entities during 1981 which were excluded from the coverage of the Agreement by virtue of a derogation.