The following communication from the delegation of the European Economic Community was received in the secretariat on 6 May 1987.

With reference to the notification made by Japan on 8 April 1987 concerning the privatization of Japanese National Railways as contained in the document GPR/39 the European Communities would like to state the following.

Considering the importance of the trade volume involved, the EC would appreciate further information about the consequences of the privatization of JNR. Prior to this clarification it is not in a position to give a definitive opinion about the changes in the entities list by Japan.

Consequently the EC reserves its rights for any further action. It is hoped, however, that the matter can be clarified in the course of the next Committee meeting, due in the week of 18 May 1987.