The following communication, dated 6 January 1995, has been received from the Chairman of the Panel on Certain Carbon Steel Flat Products.

The Panel on "United States - Countervailing Duties on Certain Carbon Steel Flat Products from Several Member States of the EEC" was established by the Committee on 28 April 1994. Its composition was announced on 17 August 1994. At the request of the complaining party, the EC, the Panel had provided an extended period of time to address the issues. The first written submission by the EC was due on 19 December 1994. On that date, the EC requested the Panel for "the suspension of this (i.e., the panel) proceeding following events which have occurred since the request for this Panel was made".

In view of this request by the complaining party in this dispute, the Panel is suspending its proceedings pending further notification from the parties.