The following communication, dated 19 May 1987, has been received from the delegation of the United States with the request that it be circulated to members of the Group.

The United States delegation proposes that the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development be accepted as observers to the Negotiating Group on GATT Articles. The following guidelines should govern the participation by these four organizations in the Negotiating Group:

- They could facilitate the work of the Group by providing factual information and appropriate technical support in those areas where expertise is not available to the Group through the countries participating in the negotiations.

- They should be invited to attend formal meetings of the Group in order to provide such factual information and appropriate technical support.

- This technical support might take the form of:
  - oral responses during meetings to requests through the Chairman for factual information and clarification of matters concerning relevant instruments and activities of any such organization;
  - factual papers to be prepared at the request of the Group.