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Supplement

The following communication concerning the information circulated in document TBT/W/42/Add.5 has been received from the delegation of the United States.

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The reply to the first question, "Are the United States and Canada associated with the work of COPANT as observers or in some other capacity?" is misleading. The U.S. believes that the response should read:

"The United States (American National Standards Institute--ANSI) was one of the founders of COPANT. ANSI withdrew its membership in 1973 and has not participated since that time in the deliberations of COPANT. Canada was never a member of COPANT and has never participated in COPANT deliberations. There is, however, an active interchange of information between COPANT and U.S. and Canadian standards sources. For example, in COPANT countries, ANSI and Canadian standards are often used by manufacturers, importers and exporters."