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COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The Director-General has received the following communication, dated 15 January 1986, from the Head of the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, with the request that it be circulated to all contracting parties.

You will be aware that the EC Council of Ministers, in its Declaration on the New Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations of 19 March 1985, proposed that the negotiations should be inaugurated in Brussels. This Declaration was made public at that time. As you also know, the Community formally offered Brussels as the venue for the launching of the New Round at the forty-first session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. I am now instructed to confirm this offer.

The advantages of Brussels as an international meeting place are widely recognized. The city is particularly well placed to offer the kind of facilities needed for such an event and I have no doubt that the environment of Brussels would provide an auspicious start for the negotiations.

We shall be pleased to provide full information in support of this proposal for the convenience of contracting parties.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this communication to contracting parties.