

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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IMPORTS OF LEATHER FOOTWEAR

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 2 December 1985, has been received from the United States with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

In view of the announcement by the Government of Japan at the meeting of the Council on 5-6 November 1985 that it has decided, of its own initiative, to take measures to eliminate the import quota system on leather footwear, the United States no longer intends to pursue its recourse to Article XXIII in this matter. Accordingly, the United States requests the Chairman of the Council to discontinue efforts, authorized by the Council at its meeting 17-19 July 1985, to draw up appropriate terms of reference and to designate members of the panel which was established by the Council at its July meeting.