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Communication from the Parties to the Agreement

The following communication, dated 29 January 1993, has been received from the Parties to the Agreement with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

The Governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States have the honour to notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES that signature of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), to which they are parties, took place on 17 December 1992. The Agreement must now be ratified by the three countries.

A copy of the Agreement has been submitted pursuant to paragraph 7(a) of Article XXIV of the General Agreement, and copies of the relevant tariff schedules have been deposited with the Secretariat¹ for the reference of interested delegations. Copies of the ratified Agreement will be distributed to contracting parties in due course.

The Governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States are prepared to make available further information regarding the Agreement as will enable the CONTRACTING PARTIES "to make such reports and recommendations... as they deem appropriate" upon ratification of the Agreement.

¹A copy of the Agreement in English, French and Spanish and copies of the relevant tariff schedules are available for consultation in the Regional and Preferential Trade and Trade and Finance Division (Office No. 2078).