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US, EC Officials Release Statement on Farm Trade Talks

Officials of the US and the European Community today released the following text on the results of the latest in a series of discussions aimed at settling US-EC agricultural trade disputes:

"We have had an evaluation at the political level of the progress made in discussions on agricultural problems launched by the meeting in Brussels on December 10 between Secretary of State Shultz and a number of his Cabinet colleagues and President of the Commission Gaston Thorn and his team.

A common desire emerged to try and find accommodations to our problems - as we agreed in December - within existing systems on both sides.

These exploratory discussions have not attempted at this stage to find detailed elements of possible arrangements. But the constructive spirit in which they have been held seems to us a good basis for further work."