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Following the May 29 agreement between U.S. Secretary of Commerce Mosbacher and the Commission, a delegation of U.S. officials, led by Assistant Secretary Thomas Duesterberg of the Department of Commerce, with representatives of U.S. standardization, testing and certification bodies, held discussions with Commission officials, led by Mr Tom Garvey, Director of Internal Market affairs, accompanied by representatives of the European standardization bodies CEN and CENELEC.

Both sides found that this full exchange of views had been constructive and had contributed to a better understanding of each other's concerns in this area.

In the discussion of standardization issues, both sides noted the positive results of meetings already held between the U.S. and European standardization bodies and reaffirmed their commitment to the work of International standardization bodies and to the principle of transparency in standardization. They agreed to keep current arrangements between U.S. and European standardization bodies for transparency and enhanced use of International standardization under review.

With regard to testing and certification issues, experts from both sides compared U.S. and European Community systems for conformity assessment, with a view to preparing future discussions on arrangements for mutual recognition of tests and certificates which will take place after the European Community Council of Ministers has pronounced on the Commission's proposals for a Global Approach to Testing and Certification.

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