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QUESTIONS POSED BY THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION OF MALAYSIA¹

The following communication, dated and received on 24 January 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

The United States appreciates Malaysia's 2021 subsidy notification and poses the following questions regarding programs that are not contained in the notification.

Question 1

The Manufacturing Profile for the Chemical and Petrochemical Industry, published by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) of Malaysia, mentions several subsidy and support schemes provided to exporters, including, e.g., Reinvestment Allowance and Accelerated Capital Allowance, and Waste Recycling. Please explain why the Reinvestment Allowance, Accelerated Capital Allowance, and the Water Recycling programs were not included in Malaysia's notification.

Question 2

The National Automotive Policy 2020 (an enhancement of NAP 2014), published by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia, mentions several subsidy and support schemes provided to exporters in the automotive industry, including, e.g., increased export promotion programs, expansion of soft loan scheme, support for automotive research & development (R&D), and continuation of fund allocation under the Automotive Industry Development Programme (AIDP). In light of this information, please explain whether these programs are linked to exporting and why they were not included in Malaysia's notification.

¹ G/SCM/N/372/MYS