THIRD CERTIFICATION OF RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Schedule XXXVIII - Japan

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Japan.

I have the honour under instructions from my Government to state as follows:

1. Japan introduced a new customs tariff schedule as from 1 April 1966 in preparing for its accession to the Brussels Tariff Nomenclature Convention, which will become effective in early October this year upon the completion of necessary procedures.

As a consequence, the Japanese Government deems it necessary to revise Japan's schedule under the GATT and hopes to obtain approval of its new draft consolidated schedule as soon as possible.

2. The rectifications relate to the Japanese schedules contained in "Certification relating to Rectifications and Modifications of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade", "Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade embodying results of the 1960-61 Tariff Conference", "Tenth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade", "Protocol for the Accession of Israel to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade", and the documents relating to Japan's negotiations under Article XXVIII:4 with respect to Schedule XXXVIII (SECRET/144 and Addendum).

3. The Japanese Government wishes to request that the following material should be sent to each contracting party¹, which will be asked to examine the draft schedule without delay and to raise any points with the Japanese delegation in Geneva.

¹Two copies of the draft consolidated Schedule XXXVIII and of the concordance and one copy of the Customs Tariff Schedules of Japan are being sent to each contracting party.
(1) draft Consolidated Schedule XXXVIII - Japan (for convenience's sake, concessions granted by Japan to Switzerland are also included in this draft schedule, though they are listed separately from Schedule XXXVIII in the above-mentioned "Certification").

(2) a concordance between the present Schedule XXXVIII and the draft consolidated schedule.

(3) the new Customs Tariff Schedules of Japan (in this edition, "Rate of duty" column shows tariff rates which were effective on 4 May 1964, while the nomenclature is in the form of the Brussels Nomenclature, as revised).

If no objections are notified to the secretariat by thirty days from the date of this document, the draft consolidated Schedule XXXVIII - Japan will be considered to have been approved and will be incorporated in the Third Certification of Rectifications and Modifications.