Plan for a sub-division of Japanese customs tariffs into bound and unbound positions, submitted in correlation with the proposal by the Japanese Government (L/109) for a provisional participation of Japan in the General Agreement.

The Japanese delegation submitted the following communication on 17 September 1953. A copy of the two schedules in English will be distributed with this document to each delegation taking part in the Eighth Session.

"The Japanese Delegation to the Eighth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade begs to submit the two following documents:

1. "Schedule most-favoured-nation tariff" (Appendix A)

"This document contains the proposal by the Japanese Government in regard to the items of its customs tariff which it is prepared to bind, and which is contained in the note appended to paragraph (c) of the draft Decision for the provisional participation of Japan in the General Agreement (L/107) with a mention of the respective levels of customs rates in force on 1 September 1953.

2. "List of Articles not included in the Schedule" (Appendix B).

"This document gives as reference the schedule of tariff positions corresponding to products in relation to which the Government of Japan feels bound to reserve its attitude on account of the requirements of Japanese economy, and also possible future negotiations which it may be found necessary to undertake with countries who are not contracting parties of the GATT; these products have therefore not been included in Schedule A.

"It is understood that the contents of these documents is provisional and are subject to modifications according to the development of the debates and the attitude of various contracting parties towards the Japanese proposal."