PROPOSALS REGARDING QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER NON-TARIFF MEASURES

Japan

The report (1985) of the Group on Quantitative Restrictions and Other Non-Tariff Measures, adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-first session, contains the recommendation that contracting parties, following on the submissions already presented in 1985 (NTM/W/12 and Addenda), should make specific written proposals by the end of April 1986 directed towards the achievement of the objectives laid down by Ministers (L/5888, paragraph 49).

The following communication, dated 29 May 1986, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

WRITTEN PROPOSAL OF JAPAN

A. Quantitative Restrictions

1. As from 1 April 1986, the Government of Japan eliminated quantitative restrictions on leather imports in accordance with the panel report (L/5623) adopted at the GATT Council of May 1984, and at the same time eliminated those on leather footwear imports, for unbound as well as bound items respectively, while introducing a tariff quota system for these products.

2. As from 1 April 1986, quantitative restrictions on grapefruit juice (2007-1 Ex) were eliminated.

B. Non-Tariff Measures

With regard to non-tariff measures, the Government of Japan announced the "Action Programme for Improved Market Access" on 30 July 1985, in which 88 items were listed in the field of Standards and Certification and Import Procedures. Since the announcement, follow-up work has been under way and the latest results of the work as of 27 March 1986 are circulated in document L/5858/Add.3.