The following communication, dated 19 November 1991, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

1. In accordance with the "Procedures to Implement Changes in the Harmonized System" (hereinafter referred to as the "Procedures") adopted by the Council on 8 October 1991, the Government of Japan hereby submits the notification which includes the pages of the loose-leaf schedule of Japan containing proposed changes (Annex I), and the necessary information mentioned in 2.(b)(i) to (iv) of the Procedures (Annex II).

2. In Annex I, the items in relation to which the proposed changes alter the scope of concessions are indicated by a circled asterisk (©) instead of a simple one (*), since the latter is used in the existing Schedule of Japan to indicate the items covered by the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft. Full-underlinings indicate items in relation to which the proposed changes do not alter the scope of concessions; dashed-underlinings are temporarily used for the scientific names which are fully underlined in the existing Schedule of Japan.

3. The certified proposed changes will become effective on the date which will be indicated in the notification given to that effect by the Government of Japan to the Director-General of the GATT upon the completion of internal procedures.

If no objection is notified to the secretariat within ninety days from the date of this document, the changes to Schedule XXXVIII - Japan will be deemed to be approved and will be formally certified.

The Annexes are in English only.