Tariff Negotiations Committee

TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACCESSION OF JAPAN

Draft Procedures for Entry into and Conduct of Negotiations

1. The following procedure is recommended for the opening of negotiations and exchange of offers between delegations:

   At their first meeting, the two delegations will exchange:

   (i) lists of offers made in response to the requests addressed to each other;

   (ii) copies of any lists of offers which have been previously submitted to other delegations.

   Immediately after the first meeting, the two delegations will transmit:

   (i) to the secretariat, under a joint covering letter, two copies of the list of offers exchanged;

   (ii) each delegation will transmit one copy of its list of offers to each other delegation with which it has already entered into negotiations.

2. As a negotiation proceeds and changes are made in the offers, i.e. if offers are altered or withdrawn, or if new offers are made, the secretariat and other delegations with which the negotiations are in progress should be informed periodically.

3. All negotiations will be conducted in secrecy, and all lists of requests and offers are to be treated as SECRETS. Each delegation shall take positive action to ensure the preservation of the secrecy of all lists which it receives in the course of the negotiations.