MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Communication by Japan

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Representative of Japan.

Geneva, 14 December 1979

Dear Mr. Director-General,

I wish to state that in the Cabinet Meeting in which my Government approved my signing the MTN codes 'subject to the completion of constitutional procedures', the Cabinet also approved the issuance of the Statement of Policy Intent as attached hereto.

I also note in this connection that Japan has adhered to and intends to continue the policy of entering into consultations when called for and of seeking, where appropriate, solutions to problems through multilateral dispute settlement procedures.

I would appreciate it if you could circulate this communication for the information of the other countries who intend to sign the MTN codes on 17 December.

Yours sincerely,

Masao Sawaki
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Japan
Statement of Policy Intent

December 14, 1979

In view of the fact that an early and faithful implementation of the
MTN codes embodying the results of the Tokyo Round is an urgent task in
the light of the present international and domestic economic situation and
the need to maintain an open international trading system, the Government
of Japan shall take the following measures:

1. With a view to the earliest possible acceptance of the Tokyo
Round codes, the Government of Japan shall make maximum endeavors
in taking the necessary steps including seeking Diet approval.

2. In the meantime, the Government of Japan intends, within its
existing powers, to act in line with the codes listed below that
are expected to become effective on 1, January 1980.

(1) Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General
Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

(2) Agreement on Interpretation and Application of
Articles VI, XVI, and XXIII of the General Agreement on
Tariffs and Trade

(3) Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade

(4) Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

(5) Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft