REQUEST UNDER ARTICLE 8:1 OF THE AGREEMENT

Communication from Japan

The following communication from the Permanent Mission of Japan, dated 14 December 1990, has been received by the Chairman of the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

I have been instructed by my authorities to request that the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft meet at the earliest opportunity in order to enable Signatories to the Agreement to be kept fully informed of developments in the negotiations between the European Communities and the United States on subsidies granted to Airbus Industrie.

From various news reports it appears that the negotiations between the European Communities and the United States, which have been held frequently since this spring, have reached the final stage and an agreement is expected shortly. The European Communities and the United States have been conducting thorough discussions on a wide range of subjects regarding public support for the civil aircraft industry, inter alia, such issues as prohibiting production subsidies, reducing development subsidies and prohibiting exchange rate guarantees. These matters are not only of concern to the European Communities and the United States, but are of great interest to other countries with aircraft industries. Furthermore, if the European Communities and the United States intend to introduce at a multilateral level (i.e., the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft) the measures they have agreed for the discipline of aircraft subsidies with the specific aim of reaching a multilateral agreement (i.e., revision of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft), the matter should be discussed fully at a meeting of all Signatories concerned, prior to a final agreement between the two parties.

Consequently Japan requests, pursuant to Article 8, paragraph 1 of the Aircraft Agreement, that the Committee established under the Agreement meet as soon as possible.