At its meeting on 16 December 1975 Group "Agriculture" agreed to pursue its work in accordance with the procedural suggestions in document MTN/W/24 and, as an initial step, to undertake a process of information, examination and dialogue with respect to all tariff and non-tariff measures affecting agricultural products other than those covered by the product Sub-Groups. To this end, the countries concerned would notify to the secretariat any tariff and non-tariff measures affecting the agricultural products defined above that are of direct interest for their trade. Bilateral or plurilateral consultations would be organized, with the assistance of the secretariat, on the basis of the notifications received.

In accordance with this procedure, the following notification has been received from Spain.

On the instructions of my authorities, I have the honour to advise you that my country wishes to examine, in the context of the process of information and dialogue agreed upon in Group "Agriculture", the Japanese system for the grant of import licences and/or quotas which could constitute barriers to imports into that country of fresh oranges, citrus purées and citrus paste, citrus juices and tomato juice.

Given that the delegation of Israel has already transmitted a notification on this subject, as set forth in document MTN/AG/W/11/Add.19, my delegation is merely expressing its interest in participating, in the above-mentioned context, in the information process referred to; if this is accepted, the information process would be of a plurilateral character.