COMMUNICATION FROM JAPAN

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Japan, with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Group of Negotiations on Services.

Points for Discussion

1. Definitional and Statistical issues
   (definition)
   (1) definition of service
   (2) definition of trade in services

   (statistics)
   (1) availability of existing statistical data
   (2) classification of service sectors and modality

2. Broad concepts
   (1) assurance of transparency
   (2) national treatment
   (3) general most-favored-nation treatment, conditional MFN, reciprocity
   (4) opening of market access
   (5) reasonable/unreasonable regulation
   (6) consultation and dispute settlement procedure
   (7) treatment for developing countries
   (8) public monopolies
   (9) safeguard
   (10) exceptions
   (11) secondary rights and obligations

3. Coverage
   (1) service sectors subject to the framework
   (2) laws, regulations, etc.
4. Existing international disciplines and arrangements

(1) identification of existing rules related to trade in services and their essential principles and procedures
(2) review of MDF/17

5. Measures and Practices

Enumeration of measures and practices which affect trade in services, and their classification according to their mode of transaction and regulation (submission of inventory list)