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Agreement under Article 21.3(b) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 10 February 2004, from the delegation of Japan and the delegation of the United States, to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

The Governments of Japan and the United States are pleased to inform you that, pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, on 30 January 2004, we mutually agreed that the reasonable period of time to implement the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in the above-referenced dispute shall be six months and 20 days, that is, from 10 December 2003 to 30 June 2004. We would be grateful if you would ensure that this letter is circulated to the DSB.

(signed)
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Deputy Permanent Representative to the WTO
For the Government of Japan

(signed)
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