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REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE ENABLING CLAUSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 9 THEREOF

Comments and Information by Governments

Submission by Japan

In response to GATT/AIR/1930 of 14 July 1983 requesting comments and information on the operation of the Enabling Clause as provided for in paragraph 9, and in the context of the first stage of the review called for by the Ministers (paragraph 2 of the Annex to the Ministerial Declaration), the attached information has been transmitted to the secretariat by Japan.

Measures taken by the Government of Japan under the GSP and which were circulated as document L/4531/Add.5 dated 26 May 1983 have been notified with respect to the review of the operation of the Enabling Clause.

With regard to Japan's GSP scheme in FY 1984, the Government of Japan is at present studying a revision of its scheme to bring about an increase in the total ceiling quotas for industrial products by around 50 per cent over the current fiscal year as well as to seek such amendments to the present scheme as will extend the benefits of the GSP to a broader range of developing countries, with a view to further opening Japan's market to these countries to contribute to the recovery and growth of the world economy through the expansion of north-south trade.