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ROLLBACK

Communication

The following communication, dated 22 June 1990, is circulated at the request of Japan.

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Progress Report on Rollback

Roll-back measures implemented

1. As notified in the document (RBN/1), Japan has taken market-opening measures of terminating import allocation systems on the following 8 categories of agricultural products, in accordance with the notified schedule. These measures have been taken autonomously, without any conditions and on an m.f.n. basis.

- processed cheese, other sugars and sugar syrups (excluding lactose), fruit puree and paste, fruit otherwise prepared or preserved, non-citrus fruit juices, tomato juice, tomato ketchup and tomato sauce, food preparations mainly consisting of sugar, and prepared and preserved meat and meat products of bovine animals or pig.

Roll-back consultations (counter-notification)

2. Pursuant to the notification RBC/1, Japan and the United States held formal bilateral consultations on 10 December 1987 and 25 April 1988, with respect to more than 100 measures. While a number of measures were identified as justifiable under Article XX or Article XXI through these consultations, some measures have been already removed through the market-opening measures stated in 1. above, as well as through other autonomous market-opening measures (see L/6370).

3. Pursuant to the notification RBC/3, Japan and Uruguay held formal bilateral consultations on 11 December 1987 and 28 October 1988. Subsequently, a number of quotas have already been removed through the above-stated market-opening measures.

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4. Pursuant to the notification RBC/6, Japan and Argentina held a formal bilateral consultation on 10 December 1987. Subsequently, notified measures have been eliminated through the above-stated market-opening measures.

5. Pursuant to the notification RBC/8, Japan and Hong Kong held formal consultations on 11 December 1987, 26 April 1988, and 23 February and 19 September 1989. While some measures were identified as justifiable by the relevant provisions of the General Agreement through these consultations, some have been already eliminated through the above-stated market-opening measures.

6. Pursuant to the notification RBC/12, Japan and Canada held a formal bilateral consultation on 9 May 1988.

7. The Government of Japan is ready to continue to hold consultations with other contracting parties on the remaining issues; it is also the view of the Government of Japan that since they are now under the negotiations in the relevant Negotiating Groups of the Uruguay Round, they be best dealt with in these Negotiating Groups.

Roll-back consultations (notification)

8. Pursuant to the notification RBC/17, Japan and the European Community held a formal consultation on 12 June 1988. Contacts have since been pursued by the two sides, as a result of which the Community has eliminated a range of quantitative restrictions notified by Japan under RBC/17. Elimination of these QRs forms part of the Community's notification under RBC/19/Rev.1.

9. Bilateral contacts between Japan and the Community are continuing with regard to the Community's remaining quantitative restrictions maintained against Japan.