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MARKS OF ORIGIN

Note by the Secretariat

At its meeting on 3 October 1975 the Sub-Group invited delegations to submit proposals in writing as to how marks of origin should be dealt with in the negotiations and agreed to revert to this question at its next meeting on the basis of the proposals received (WTN/WTM/W/24, paragraphs 2 to 6).

This document sets out a proposal submitted by the Government of Japan.

The Japanese delegation wishes to propose that the work of the Sub-Group in the field of marks of origin should aim at drawing up a binding code or international rules on the basis of the GATT Recommendation of 21 November 1958. In its view, the desirable course of action would be, in particular, to elaborate the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 14 of the Recommendation as necessary and also to consider procedures for notifications and consultations.