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REQUEST FOR INITIATION OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES UNDER ARTICLE 14.4 OF THE AGREEMENT

The following communication, dated 18 March 1983, has been received from the delegation of the United States.

You will recall that in document TBT/Spec/7 of 20 September 1982, the United States delegation informed the Parties to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade of its desire for a Committee investigation under Article 14.4 concerning the conditions of access to a certification system maintained by the Government of Japan. At the Committee's meeting of 29 October 1982, the United States representative informed the Committee that our request for an investigation would be deferred pending continuing discussions with the Government of Japan.

We are pleased to report that our bilateral consultations have resulted in an exchange of letters with the Government of Japan which now enables us to withdraw our earlier request for a Committee investigation of this matter.

We would appreciate it if you would inform the Parties to the Agreement of our decision to withdraw our earlier request for a Committee investigation of this case under Article 14.4.