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Japanese suggestion to less-developed countries as to
their contribution in the Kennedy Round.

1. Japan welcomes the participation of less-developed countries in the Kennedy Round of negotiations, where efforts are being made for the expansion of world trade for the benefit of all participants.
2. It appears that there exist in some countries measures such as quantitative restrictions, high tariffs and complex customs formalities, which, in our view, constitute unnecessary barriers to the import trade of these countries. Furthermore, new restrictive measures are often introduced in such a manner as to disturb the stability of trade relations between these countries and their trade partners.
3. Fully realizing that less-developed countries face many difficulties in their efforts for economic development, and that these restrictive measures are justified in so far as they facilitate the attainment of the objectives of the General Agreement, Japan wishes to suggest that participating less-developed countries make whatever offers they can on their trade barriers so far as they are not incompatible with their development and trade needs.
4. It is the intention of Japan to discuss concrete ways and means of finding satisfactory solutions to specific problems of specific participating countries in the course of bilateral negotiations with them.