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Directeur général

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Your Excellency,

In the past few days, the world has been shocked by the news and images of the natural disaster of unprecedented scale that hit Japan and caused significant loss of human lives and property.

On my personal behalf and behalf of the whole World Trade Organization staff and community, I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the families of the victims and to all Japanese who are suffering the consequences of the disaster. We stand together with the Japanese people at this challenging time. The WTO Secretariat is ready to offer any possible support to your country in the coming months and contribute to the rebuilding endeavours.

I am convinced that, under the wise leadership of the Japanese government and with the collective and joint efforts of the Japanese people and the international community, your remarkable country will be able to face the current challenges and recover quickly.

With my best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical line followed by a horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

H.E. Mr. Naoto Kan
Prime Minister
Japan