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The following "Statement of Policy Intent" has been received from the Government of Japan with the request that it be circulated to all contracting parties and countries which participated in the MTN.

(Translation)

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December 14, 1979

In view of the fact that an early and faithful implementation of the MTN codes embodying the results of the Tokyo Round is an urgent task in the light of the present international and domestic economic situation and the need to maintain an open international trading system, the Government of Japan shall take the following measures:

1. With a view to the earliest possible acceptance of the Tokyo Round codes, the Government of Japan shall make maximum endeavors in taking the necessary steps including seeking Diet approval.
2. In the meantime, the Government of Japan intends, within its existing powers, to act in line with the codes listed below that are expected to become effective on 1, January 1980.
 - (1) Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
 - (2) Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI, and XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
 - (3) Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
 - (4) Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures
 - (5) Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft