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COMPLIANCE REPORTS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 16 OF
THE MID-TERM REVIEW DECISION ON AGRICULTURE

Report by Japan

Paragraph 16 of the Mid-Term Review decision states that participants agree to report on their compliance with the undertakings in paragraph 14 and paragraph 15 at six-month intervals.

The present report describes how the commitments of Japan relating to paragraph 14 were implemented during the period from 8 April 1989, the date of the Mid-Term Agreement, to the end of September 1989.

1. Levels of support and protection

As reported in the notification by Japan on the undertakings pursuant to paragraph 15 (MTN.GNG/NG5/W/147), Japan's estimated total AMS for 1989 is below the 1988 level. Therefore, it is certain that the overall level of support and protection for the agricultural sector in Japan has been reduced.

2. Market access barriers

No existing access barriers have been intensified nor have any new barriers been introduced during the period concerned.

Moreover, Japan terminated the import quota system for tomato juice, tomato ketchup and tomato sauce during this period. Also, import quotas for both beef and citrus were increased in 1989 compared to those of 1988.

3. Support prices to producers

As shown below, the 1989 support prices for Japanese agricultural products were frozen at or reduced from the level of 1988.

The increase in the standard price for raw silk was the only exception and made within the framework of legislation existing at the time of the Mid-Term Agreement.

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Changes in Support Prices to Producers

	(unit: Yen)	
	1988	1989
Government purchasing price for rice (60 kg.)	16,743	16,743
Government purchasing price for wheat (60 kg.)	9,945	9,597
Basic price for soybean (60 kg.)	15,060	15,060
Standard purchasing price for processing-use sweet potato (1 ton)	26,476	26,476
Standard purchasing price for processing-use potato (1 ton)	15,300	15,300
Minimum producers' price for beet sugar (1 ton)	18,260	18,260
Minimum producers' price for cane sugar (1 ton)	20,190	20,190
Guaranteed prices of milk for manufacturing (1 kg.)	79.83	79.83
Minimum price for beef (1 kg.)	995	995
Minimum price for pork (1 kg.)	410	400
Standard price for raw silk (1 kg.)	10,094	10,712

Note: Prices in 1989 include newly-introduced consumers' tax.