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THE MID-TERM REVIEW DECISION ON AGRICULTURE

Report by Japan

Introduction

1. 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 were implemented during the period from October 1989 to the end of March 1990.

2. 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.

3. Market access barriers

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

Moreover, Japan increased import quotas for certain products, including beef and citrus for fiscal 1989 (from April 1989 to March 1990) compared to those for fiscal 1988, as scheduled.

4. Support prices to producers

As shown below, the 1990 support prices set as of March 1990 were frozen at or reduced from the level of 1989.

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Changes in Support Prices to Producers

	(Unit: Yen)		
	1988	1989	1990
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	77.75
*Lower stabilization price for beef (1 kg.)	995	995	985
*Lower stabilization price for pork (1 kg.)	410	400	400
*Lower stabilization price for raw silk (1 kg.)	10,094	10,712	10,712

Note: 1. Prices in 1989 and 1990 include consumers' tax introduced in 1989.

2. Prices with \* are lower price levels established together with upper price levels for the stabilization of domestic prices.