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Questions from JAPAN Regarding the New and Full Notification of SWITZERLAND¹

The following communication, dated 20 September 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

1. III. Contribution to the Swiss Office for Development of Trade (OSEC)

Could Switzerland explain the unit of the amount of subsidy in paragraph 1(iii) of the notification?

2. IV. Agricultural subsidies

There is a description in the notification that the information relating to agricultural subsidies by Switzerland will be notified to the Committee on Agriculture. However, the agricultural subsidies are also subject to review at the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. In this connection, will Switzerland notify the agricultural subsidies to the SCM Committee?

3. Could Switzerland explain the contents and the reason of no notification about the following programmes?

(1) Technological Cooperation in Europe (EUREKA)

When did this programme terminate?

In which field was this cooperation made?

(2) Federal grant to the Swiss Electronics and Micro-Engineering Centre

(3) CIM and micro-electronic training and research centres

(4) Federal law on guarantees covering export risk

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