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## **NOTIFICATION FROM JAPAN UNDER ARTICLE XXIV:6 OF THE AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA/W/255)**

### Communication from the European Community

The following communication, dated 1 April 2003, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission with the request that it be circulated to the Committee on Government Procurement.

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We refer to the recent notification of Japan, dated 3 March 2003, proposing modifications to Annexes 3 and 5 and the General Notes of its Appendix I of the Agreement on Government Procurement relating to Japan Post (GPA/W/255).

The European Community objects to this proposed modification pursuant to Article XXIV.6 of the Agreement on Government Procurement. The European Community requires additional time to study this matter and to seek additional information through consultations with the Government of Japan.

The European Community will conduct a review of the notification in the light of Article XXIV.6 of the Agreement in an expeditious manner, and will keep the Committee advised of its progress and of the outcome of its review.

The European Community reserves all rights in respect of Japan's notification.

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