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Questions from JAPAN Regarding the New and Full Notification of COLOMBIA¹

Revision

The following communication, dated 2 October 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

(1) I. Tax Reimbursement Certificate (CERT)

Paragraph 6 of the notification states that this incentive is available to natural and legal persons who can show that the goods in question have been exported. In this connection, could Colombia answer the following questions?

- Is this incentive available to all exports, or selectively available under criteria of export value or quantity?
- Has Colombia already notified this incentive under Article 28.1 of the SCM Agreement?
- Will Colombia phase out this incentive within eight years?

(2) II. Special Machinery Import-Export System

Paragraph 6 of the notification states that to exercise this right he (beneficiary) must provide a general guarantee in support of an undertaking to export the amounts specified at the time of authorization. In this connection, could Colombia answer the following questions:

- Does this programme constitute an export subsidy?
- Has Colombia already notified this programme under Article 28.1 of the SCM Agreement?

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- Will Colombia phase out this programme within eight years?

(3) III. Free zones

The first paragraph states that this measure concerning the operation of the free zones is notified on the understanding that for all the countries who are members of the WTO it is a question of an instrument covered by Article 3 of the SCM Agreement. In this connection, could Colombia explain whether it has already notified this measure under Article 28.1 of the SCM Agreement and, if not, the reason why it deems export subsidies in the free zones as not prohibited?