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Questions from JAPAN Regarding the New and Full Notification of BAHRAIN¹

The following communication, dated 6 October 1997, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

Human Resource Development Support Programme in the Manufacturing Sector ("HRDS")

On page 2 of the notification, Bahrain describes the eligibility as follows: "Participation in HRDS is also subject to the following conditions: for existing industries, ... and a minimum of 15% of production to be exported annually ...; for new pioneering and downstream industries, ... and a minimum of 25% of production to be exported annually ...;"

- Does this programme constitute an export subsidy?
- That being the case, could Bahrain explain when the programme would be phased out?
- That not being the case, could Bahrain explain the reason?

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