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Scheme of Japan

Amendment

The UNCTAD secretariat has received the following communication from the Government of Japan:

"1. New beneficiaries for preferential treatment : The following five countries and territory were designated as new beneficiaries for the preferential treatment as from 1 April 1997: Azerbaijan, Eritrea (special treatment for the LDCs was offered to Eritrea), the Republic of Palau, the French Polynesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was deleted due to the fact that the said trust was over);

"2. Announcement of ceiling quotas for fiscal year 1997 : The ceiling quotas for fiscal year 1997, which are listed in the annex, were officially announced;

"3. Change of rules of cumulative origin : Vietnam was added to the beneficiaries of the rules of cumulative origin for the Association of the South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)."