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**PRIME MINISTER'S
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Dear Prime Minister,

Our Government has been taking at our initiative a series of measures for further opening up our market since the end of last year for the purpose of contributing positively to the maintenance and strengthening of the free trading system and to the revitalization of the world economy. We decided in the ministerial meeting for external economic measures held today to put into effect further comprehensive measures to open up our market.

Foreign Minister Sakurauchi has already informed your Secretary of State in advance of the specifics of these measures. Let me just mention that these are comprehensive measures covering such wide areas as elimination of tariffs or reduction of tariff rates, enlarging import quotas on certain items, improvement and simplification of import and testing procedures, improvement in the distribution system and business practices, etc.

I am convinced that these measures represent the best we could do under the difficult domestic circumstances. I issued a statement after the ministerial meeting in which I appealed to the Japanese general public for their support and co-operation in our efforts to open up our market in the interest of promoting co-operation with other countries.

It is indispensable that we each make efforts and co-operate together in order to maintain

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and strengthen the free trading system.

I hope strongly that the new set of measures be met with full appreciation. I intend to continue to follow up carefully on these measures to see to it that they be implemented and fully achieve the expected results.

Looking forward to seeing you again in Versailles.

Yours sincerely,

ZENKO SUZUKI

Prime Minister of Japan