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## KOREA - SUNSET REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON STAINLESS STEEL BARS

## COMMUNICATION FROM JAPAN

The following communication, dated 27 January 2021, was received from the delegation of Japan with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

Japan has taken note that, on 22 January 2021, Korea notified the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") of its decision to appeal the report of the panel in *Korea – Sunset Review of Anti-Dumping Duties on Stainless Steel Bars* (WT/DS553/R) and filed its Notice of Appeal with the DSB Chairman and the Appellate Body Secretariat.

Japan considers that given the current non-operational situation of the Appellate Body, all the procedural deadlines set out in the Appellate Body's Working Procedures shall be deemed to be suspended. Therefore, until the Appellate Body resumes its operation and sets the schedule for this appeal, Japan reserves its full rights to file its own appeal on errors (if any) in the issues of law covered in the panel report and legal interpretations developed by the panel and submit any relevant submissions for this case.

Japan is providing a copy of this note directly to Korea and the third participants.