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EU-Japan Business Dialogue Round Table October 1999 Meeting

Venue = 30 rue Royale, 1000 Brussels, HQ of Société Générale de Belgique

Draft Programme

Wednesday 6 October

18.45 Preparatory meeting between Messrs Davignon and Sekimoto

Thursday 7 October

08.00 Preparatory breakfast for EU members

09.30 - 12.30 First Session

09.30 - 10.15 **Opening Address** by co-chairmen
Speech (Enterprise Commissioner Mr. LIIKANEN)

Plenary Session - Changes of Business Environment -

10.15 - 10.45 "Prospects of EU economy" (E. Davignon)

10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 12.00 "Prospects of Japanese economy" (S.
Fukukawa, ?H. Hamada)

12.00 - 12.30 "Financial crisis and remedial measures" (T. Sekimoto)

(Distribution of the draft declaration on the WTO New Round to the members)

12.30 - 14.30 Lunch
Speech (*Trade Commissioner Mr. LAMY*)

14.30 - 18.45 Second Session

Plenary Session - WP Report (1) -

- 14.30 - 16.00 WG1 - "Creating an open environment for foreign trade and investment" (I. Toriumi, I. Hupperts)
- 16.00 - 16.30 WG2 - "Accounting issues and Taxation" (A. Kosai)
- 16.30 - 16.45 Coffee break
- 16.45 - 17.45 WG3 - "Standards issues, including in the field of telecommunications" (M. Naruto, Y. Tachibana, H. Martre, J. Cornu)
- 17.45 - 18.30 WG4 - "MRA" & regulatory issues (Y. Kuwata, J.K. Van Soest, R. Perissich)
- 18.30 - 18.45 "WTO New Round"
Finalisation of the declaration
- 19.30 - Cocktail & Dinner
Speech (EU Commission President PRODI)

Friday 8 October**08.30 - 11.10 Third Session****Plenary Session - WP Report (2) -**

- 08.30 - 09.45 WG5 - "Electronic commerce" (M. Naruto, G. de Panafieu)
- 09.45 - 10.00 Decision on next steps and dates for the next RT
- 10.00 - 10.15 Coffee break
- 10.15 - 11.00 **Wrap-up and General comments** of the public authorities
- 11.00 - 11.10 **Closing remarks** of co-chairmen
- 11.15 - 12.00 Press Conference