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Note verbale dated 1 March 1996 from the Permanent
Representative of Japan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the forthcoming fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development to be held from 18 April to 3 May 1996, has the honour to transmit the Chairman's Summary of the Third Expert Group Meeting on Financial Issues of Agenda 21 held at the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines, 6-8 February 1996, under the co-sponsorship of the Governments of Japan and the Philippines, the Asian Development Bank, and the United Nations Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.

This was the third in a series of expert group meetings, the first and second of which were held in Kuala Lumpur, 2-4 February 1995, and Glen Cove, New York, 15-17 February 1995. Its purpose was to discuss current financing mechanisms for implementing Agenda 21 and to make recommendations for action for submission to the inter-sessional Ad Hoc working Group on finance and consumption and production patterns of the Commission, to be convened 4-8 March 1996, and to the Commission itself, at its fourth session, to be held 18 April-3 May 1996.

It would be greatly appreciated if arrangements could be made to circulate the attached Chairman's Summary as an official document of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fourth session under item 4 of the provisional agenda.

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