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Letter dated 22 March 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a note regarding Japan's position on the forthcoming meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole which was established by General Assembly resolution 39/163 of 17 December 1984 to carry out a thorough and systematic review of the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States.

It would be highly appreciated if the note could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 84 of the preliminary list and also if it could be brought to the attention of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

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ANNEX

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Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

Japan participated positively in the work of drafting, during the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly, a Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, in the hope that it would be accepted by all the participants and adopted by consensus. Regrettably, the draft resolution was put to a vote without all possible means for the achievement of a consensus having been explored. Japan had to vote against a number of articles and, expressing its reservations, abstained in the vote on the whole resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974.

Japan is always prepared to engage in any meaningful and constructive dialogue for the promotion of international co-operation. However, it sees little merit in the adoption of General Assembly resolution 39/163 by a vote. It holds the view that, under these circumstances, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole can hardly be expected to engender favourable conditions for strengthening efforts to promote international co-operation.

Japan is, therefore, not participating in the work of the Committee and will not be bound by its results.
