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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF 5-6 AND 13 NOVEMBER 2020

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT¹

*Corrigendum**

Please note that paragraphs 2.1. and 2.2. of document G/SPS/R/100 should read as follows:

2.1.1 Japan - Update on the situation surrounding Japanese food after the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station accident ([G/SPS/GEN/1233/Rev.2](#))

2.1. Japan thanked Morocco and Egypt for lifting the import measures they had imposed on Japanese food products following the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station accident. Japan reported that 36 out of the 54 countries and regions that had introduced import measures following the accident had since then lifted them. Japan urged Members still maintaining measures to remove them based on scientific principles. Japan provided an update on the recent data and status of its food safety control measures, as well as on water management at the nuclear power station and its transparency efforts, as detailed in [G/SPS/GEN/1233/Rev.2](#).

2.2. Korea expressed its appreciation for the updates provided by Japan, but reiterated concerns about the possible release of contaminated water into the sea. Korea referred to reports indicating that Japan considered a release into the sea of contaminated water currently stored in tanks as the most viable option. Korea called for a transparent and inclusive process to decide on the disposal method of contaminated water. Japan responded that the water stored in tanks at the station was treated water purified by the Advanced Liquid Processing System and other related facilities, and when the ALPS treated water is discharged into the environment, it is a natural precondition to meet regulatory standards for discharge into the environment. Reiterating observations contained in [G/SPS/GEN/1819](#), Japan added that it had not yet decided how water would be discharged into the environment, and even after the decision, it takes about two years before the independent regulator approves the implementation plan for discharge submitted by Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings. Japan also stressed that Japan will provide information to the international community including Korea in a highly transparent manner.

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