

**JAPAN**

II .Japan’s comments on the Draft Annexes

1. General Comments

We suggest that annex should be treated as guidelines, not an integral part of the Agreement since they contain too detailed information and procedures.

2. Specific comments

We listed all the comments for your information.

ANNEX B	Explanatory Note
<p><b>Port State inspection procedures</b> To the greatest extent possible, the inspector(s) shall:</p>	<p>Since all the annexes contain technical and too detail items which are obviously not feasible for developing countries, Japan suggests that all the annexes should be treated as a guideline, not integral part of this agreement.</p>

ANNEX D	Explanatory Note
<p><b>Information systems on port State inspections</b> In implementing this Agreement, Parties shall: a) seek to establish computerized communication in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1 and Article 15 of this Agreement; b) to the extent possible, establish websites to publicize the list of ports designated in accordance with Article 7 of this Agreement and the actions taken in accordance with Article 9 of this Agreement; c)</p>	<p>This section should be treated in Annex C.</p>

\*Please note that the comments contained in this paper are provisional and subject to further changes.