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Description

This is a secret US National Security Agency (NSA) report derived from intelligence intercepts of officials within the Japanese government, shortly before 2008 G-8 Summit held in Lake Toya in Japan. The report observes a widespread impetus within the Japanese government, involving multiple ministries, towards Japanese leadership at the G-8 summit on policy to combat climate change, focusing on a Japanese initiative towards the "sectoral approach" to reducing carbon emissions. The report is marked for sharing with the United States' "Five Eyes" intelligence partners: Australia, Canada, Great Britain and New Zealand.



Japanese Leadership Working to Narrow Down Climate Change Goals for G-8 Summit (TS//SI)

(TS//SI//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL) Japanese officials from the Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Environment briefed Chief Cabinet Secretary Nobutaka Machimura on 20 February on the environmental goals they believe Japan should work toward achieving at the G-8 Summit at Lake Toya, Japan, in July. Obtaining an agreement to use a sector-based cumulative approach for medium-term emissions reduction targets for individual countries was mentioned as one of the key objectives. Japan is also seeking to demonstrate its leadership in the environmental sector at the Summit and may announce its domestic emissions reduction goals prior to the meeting.

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