

Comment from Charity Colleen Crouse

It must be determined if this announcement regarding another Japanese automaker is being used to again interfere with Japanese contributions to current efforts engaged via various treaty agreements listed as active by the U.S. Department of State that concern non-automotive specific sectors. These sectors would employ similar processes regarding automation standards and involve proprietary software models and technologies. There are long-standing problems regarding non-adherence to Japanese terms for access to its proprietary information. Just because Japan wishes to adhere to higher standards than others does not permit a violation of their commercial or other rights via efforts to sabotage their high-profile sectors. This needs to be evaluated in conjunction with a public comment period that ends on July 18, 2019 concerning "components" and "nonconformance" regarding the DOD, NASA and the Coast Guard (Federal Register Number 2019-12881). This must also be considered relative to the recurrent efforts of U.S.-based competitors of Japanese companies in manners of this sort connected to concurrent time frames not overtly referenced.

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