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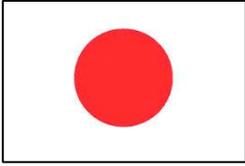
Mr. Chair,

I will focus on two topics in this statement: disarmament and non-proliferation education and cyber security.

As the only country that has ever suffered the atomic bombings during war, Japan attaches primordial importance to its efforts in promoting understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings. In this regard, it is significant that the Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2024 to Nihon Hidankyo, Japan's nation-wide grassroots movement by the hibakusha.

Next year marks the 80th year since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan will focus on three areas in its work on conveying the realities of the atomic bombings: one, sending the hibakusha and youth overseas, two, promoting visits to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and three, strengthening international communication. Raising awareness of the experiences of Hiroshima and Nagasaki should underpin our collective efforts towards our shared goal.

As the hibakusha are advancing in their ages, we need to pass on the understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings to younger generations. The draft resolution titled "Steps to building a common roadmap towards a



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world without nuclear weapons,” submitted by Japan, calls upon all States to facilitate efforts in which young generations can actively engage with those who have suffered the use of nuclear weapons, irrespective of their nationalities and origins, who pass on their experiences to future generations. Those efforts include but are not limited to the “Youth Leader Fund for a world without nuclear weapons.”

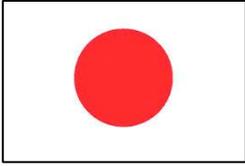
Mr. Chair,

Japan is firmly committed to ensuring a free, fair, and secure cyberspace. We must promote the rule of law in cyberspace. The cyber domain is not a lawless space. Existing international law, including the UN Charter in its entirety and international humanitarian law, is applicable in cyberspace. In this regard, Japan firmly believes that promoting a shared understanding on how international law applies to cyber operations can bring stability, transparency and predictability to cyberspace.

Cybersecurity is a matter of international peace and security, and international cooperation is not an option but an absolute necessity for all of us. Japan will spare no effort in cooperating with other Member States to address cyber issues.

From this perspective, Japan attaches great importance to the current Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on the security of and in the use of ICTs as an inclusive platform under the UN auspices. Japan highly appreciates Singapore’s efforts as the OEWG Chair in proposing and coordinating the draft resolution on the OEWG. Japan looks forward to the General Assembly’s endorsement of the third annual progress report of the OEWG and supports the resolution including its recommendation on the establishment of a future permanent mechanism.

In this regard, Japan would also like to recall the UN General Assembly



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Resolution A/RES/78/16 on a “Programme of action to advance responsible State behavior in the use of ICT in the context of international security”. We hope to engage in further discussion at the OEWG including its 9<sup>th</sup> substantive session in December, building on these resolutions as well as the third annual progress report.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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