



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

(As delivered)

Statement by Ambassador OGASAWARA Ichiro

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First of all, let me congratulate you for your assumption of the President of the CD. Let me also assure you of our full support and cooperation to you, Ambassador Salomon EHETH, throughout your presidency.

Personally, it is a great pleasure for me to see you again, Dr. Zerbo, even virtually after such a long interval. We also highly appreciate the presentation delivered to the Conference on Disarmament today.

Japan has attached great importance to the CTBT and its early entry into force as realistic and concrete measures to support the NPT regime and to realize a peaceful and safe world without nuclear weapons.

Although the CTBT was adopted at the UNGA in 1996, it is to be recalled that the CTBT is the last multilateral disarmament treaty the final draft of which was achieved through negotiation at the CD. As such, we value highly the CTBT as it is making a vital contribution to the cause of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, even though it has not yet entered into force.

Japan expresses its deep gratitude to Executive Secretary Dr. Zerbo for his leading efforts to promote the entry into force of the CTBT and for developing the international monitoring system and related systems of the CTBTO since you took office in 2013.

Japan would like to continue to cooperate fully with Dr. Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the CTBTO for our common purposes through its Permanent Mission in Vienna, for the remaining time of your term at the helm of this important international organization. (END)