



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
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Madam President,

Japan would like to thank the Management Committee for its comprehensive work to draft initial recommendations on the review of the ATT programme of work and we welcome and support the proposal in general.

As we stated earlier this week, regarding the configuration and substance of the Working Group on Treaty Implementation, we support a holistic approach to focus on practical aspects and priority issues of national implementation of the Treaty through sharing challenges and best practices. This approach would facilitate building national capacities and help to identify needs of cooperation and assistance of the states parties concerned.

Japan also supports the proposal by the Management Committee to hold one in-person session of up to five days of ATT Working Groups and CSP preparatory meetings per cycle to streamline the process and improve the overall efficiency of the meetings. We also welcome the flexible approach to allow the working groups to hold informal consultations as required during the intersessional period to complement the in-person session.

Japan believes inclusiveness is key to hold such informal meetings and we are

flexible for the formality of the consultations in general. However, given the ongoing financial challenges of the ATT, and the complexity of the preparation of hybrid meetings, it would be advisable for the informal consultations to be held in a fully virtual format rather than in a hybrid format from a cost saving and streamlining perspective.

I thank you, Madam President.