



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

Statement delivered by Ambassador OGASAWARA Ichiro
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On topic of 'Women's participation and role in International Security'

At the outset let me thank you, Mr. President to have set 'Women's participation and role in International Security' as the topic of today's plenary meeting. We find this topic as timely as relevant to address today's challenges. I also thank all the panelists for their valuable and inspiring presentations with full of concrete suggestions.

Japan is strongly committed to gender equality and has established its National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security to implement the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 of 2000.

The equal participation of women and men in the field of peace and security is of crucial importance, Japan has been promoting women's participation in various activities relating to disarmament and non-proliferation and has made efforts for assisting women in countries affected by and vulnerable to conflicts. For example, Japan is proud to have Ms. Kazuko HIKAWA, a Professor at Osaka Jogakuin University, as an expert at the UN Governmental Group of Experts (GGE) on Nuclear Disarmament Verification, of which meeting is scheduled for November this year.

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution on elimination of nuclear weapons, which Japan submitted last year and was adapted with 150 votes in favour, reaffirms "that the equal, full and effective participation of both women and men is one of the essential factors for the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security."

Japan will continue to promote concrete actions in cooperation with civil society for enhancing women's participation and role in the field of peace, security, disarmament and non-proliferation.

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