

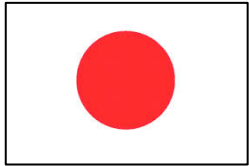
**Statement delivered by Minister NAMIOKA Daisuke,
Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament
at the Eleventh Annual Pledging Conference
for the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
9 March 2026, Geneva, Switzerland**

Madame President,

At the outset, Japan would like to thank you, Ambassador Eunice LUAMBIA, for your efforts as the President of the Twenty Third Meeting of the States Parties (23MSP) of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC). I wish you every success in the lead up towards the Meeting this November, and I assure you of the full support and cooperation of my delegation. Japan extends its special thanks to all States Parties and stakeholders, including mine action operators and civil society organizations, for their support and cooperation to Japan's Presidency last year. As a member of the Presidency Troika this year, Japan continues to work with Zambian Presidency and contribute to promoting the implementation of the Convention.

Madame President,

I would also like to thank the President for organizing the Eleventh Annual Pledging Conference today. I would like to reiterate the significance of the role of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), in the implementation and functioning of the Convention. Under the strong leadership of the ISU director, Mr. Juan Carlos RUAN, the ISU has been providing a wide range of support to the States Parties for the implementation of the Convention. Japan attaches great importance to ensuring sustainable financing of the activities of the ISU through continued contributions by States Parties. As the President last year, Japan made a special appeal to all States Parties in light of the difficult financial situation faced by the ISU.



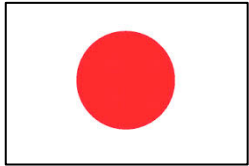
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It is with this understanding that Japan has provided voluntary contributions to the ISU, totaling approximately CHF 500,000 since 2015. I have the pleasure to announce that Japan will contribute approximately CHF 12,000 towards the activities of the ISU in 2026, subject to Diet approvals. We hope our contribution will help to strengthen the effective work of the ISU. In a similar vein, we would urge other states to consider contributing to the ISU in order to ensure the continued implementation of the Convention. At the same time, we ask the ISU to continue to, as it has so far, use its budget effectively and efficiently. Such prudent use of budget is even more important under the difficult financial situation the ISU has been facing.

Madame President,

Japan continues to be strongly committed to the implementation of the Convention. Under Japan's Comprehensive Package of Assistance for Humanitarian Mine Action, Japan supports programs ranging from short-term demining activities that protect citizens lives to initiatives that contribute to medium- and long-term reconstruction and development. In the fiscal year 2024, Japan provided over 72 million USD in assistance for mine action in 22 countries, through bilateral cooperation as well as through relevant international organizations and NGOs. Japan will continue to promote sustainable and efficient mine action, focusing on strengthening national ownership and national capacity in partnership with national organizations of mine-affected countries, donors, international organizations, civil society and the private sector.

Madame President,



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All stakeholders in the international community must strengthen our collective efforts to achieve our shared goal of a mine-free world. Japan will work closely and actively engage with the *Zambian Presidency* towards the upcoming 23MSP.

I thank you, Madame President.

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