



**Statement by Ambassador OGASAWARA Ichiro**  
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Madam President,

Allow me to first congratulate you, Ambassador Szücs, on your assumption of the Presidency of the Conference on Disarmament, and also thank you for sharing your plan about how to lead us from here to the annual report. I hope that under your guidance, we will be able to reach a consensus on a useful report which properly reflects what we have done throughout the year at the CD. In this regard, I assure you of the full support and cooperation of my delegation.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring your attention to the presence of a group of 22 Japanese high school students, designated as “Youth Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons” by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan here today. They are observing today’s CD plenary from the public viewing gallery. They are now visiting Geneva as part of their mission as the “Youth Communicators”, to pass on the realities of the use of nuclear weapons to the international community as well as to future generations through attending various international events.

The Government of Japan fully supports their activities, as we believe that it is also our responsibility to pass on the realities of the use of nuclear weapons beyond generations, and across borders, to further increase the awareness of the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons.

In concluding, I reiterate the full support of my delegation to the Hungarian Presidency, and encourage all delegations to constructively engage in the upcoming discussions on the CD report.

Thank you, Madam President, for your kind attention.