

Statement delivered by Mr. FUKUOKA Akifumi, Deputy Director, Conventional Arms Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo The Tenth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty Matters pertaining to Financial Contributions (Agenda item 12) 22 August 2024, Geneva

Mr. President,

Japan would like to share its appreciation for the Secretariat for its dedication to the work of the Treaty, particularly in managing the various programmes and organizing meetings. Japan would also like to thank Switzerland for its generous support to the Secretariat.

On this occasion, we would like to share Japan's basic position on the budgets of all international organizations, which is zero nominal growth, and where savings can be made, further savings are desirable.

Japan expresses deep concern at the current financial situation and the status of non-compliance of financial obligations by States Parties. We would like to reiterate the importance of the timely payment of assessed contributions which is necessary to maintain and strengthen the stable and effective functioning of the Secretariat and Treaty body, as well as to promote the implementation of the ATT.

Thank you.