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- Item: 9. Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention
 - (b) Destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas
 - (i) Clearing mined areas: conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the committee on article 5 implementation

Madame President,

Japan sincerely congratulates Oman on fulfilling its Article 5 obligations this year. We would also like to express respect for the dedicated efforts of all those engaged in mine clearance worldwide.

Japan has set 'Promoting the Application of Advanced and Emerging Technologies for Anti-Personnel Mine Action' as one of this Presidency's priority themes. Based on this theme, Japan has introduced its knowledge and experience in anti-personnel mine action using emerging technologies at every available opportunity, including the Intersessional Meeting in June this year. With the aim of promoting more efficient mine action through collaboration by using the emerging technologies possessed by various countries, we submitted our working paper titled "Application of Advanced and Emerging Technologies in Mine Action".

To gain a better understanding, we invite you to watch the video we have produced on this theme.

Thank you, Madame President.