



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Mr. Co-Chairs,

Japan expresses its heartfelt welcome to the countries which have recently joined the Treaty. Japan would like to express its sincere gratitude to Ambassador Gberie and Ambassador Villegas for their treaty universalization efforts as co-chairs for the Working Group on Treaty Universalization throughout the CSP7 Cycle despite the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. I would also like to thank the head of the Secretariat for his very informative presentation.

When Japan co-chaired this Working Group during the CSP4 and CSP5 cycles, we often heard from non-States Parties the importance of explanatory packages about the significance of the ATT. Japan also realized that accessibility to those documents in their own languages was key for them to promote their understanding of the importance of the ATT, and in particular, to enable their national stakeholders to engage in the path towards joining the Treaty.

This has led to the adoption of the Universalization Toolkit and Welcome Pack at CSP5 which was translated into the UN official languages and made available on the ATT website. Japan highly appreciates the initiative by the Government of the Republic of Korea to translate them into ten Asian languages, and would also like to thank the EU for the publication of the ATT Universalization Toolkit in a brochure format ahead of the CSP7.

As expressed in the Working Group in April, Japan places great importance on the universalization of the ATT, in particular, in the Asia Pacific region. Together

with Australia, New Zealand and Control Arms, Japan co-hosted the Asia-Pacific Universalization Roundtable in a virtual format in June this year. Japan has also encouraged non-States Parties to join the ATT, taking the opportunity to hold bilateral dialogues on disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control where possible.

On this occasion, Japan would like to encourage all non-States Parties, including signatory States and observer States, to join the Treaty as soon as possible. Japan will continue to work for the universalization of the ATT.

I thank you, Co-Chairs.