



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Mr. Chair,

Japan fully aligns itself with the joint statement of the group of Broadly Like Minded countries delivered by the Netherlands, and I would like to deliver the following statement in my national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

80 years have passed since the atomic bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We must intensify our efforts to never repeat the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to extend the 80-year-long record of the non-use of nuclear weapons. Understanding the reality of the atomic bombings use is the starting point of such efforts. Japan has called on leaders and future leaders from all around the globe to visit the two cities, and many have come to see with their own eyes and listen to the Hibakusha's stories with their own ears.

Mr. Chair,

Maintaining and strengthening the NPT, the cornerstone of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation architecture, is the priority and in the interests of the entire international community. With the Review Conference coming up next year, Japan continues to strongly urge Member States to demonstrate the spirit of dialogue and cooperation to the fullest extent and engage in a constructive dialogue. Japan also pledges its full support to Ambassador Do Hung Viet, President-designate of 2026 NPT Review Conference for its successful outcome.

Mr. Chair,

Japan seeks to continue to advance a realistic and practical approach towards a world without nuclear weapons, through concrete measures that should be taken by both nuclear and non-nuclear weapon States. Japan has submitted a draft resolution reflecting this approach. Such efforts include the early entry into force and universalization of the CTBT and early commencement of the negotiation of an FMCT. As we are entering 30 years anniversary since opening for signature of CTBT, Japan calls on all states, especially the remaining states that are required for its entry into force, to sign and ratify the CTBT. We will also seek to work with Member States to raise political attention and expand support for the early commencement of negotiations on an FMCT.

Japan also calls on all nuclear-weapon States to promote effective and responsible transparency measures, including through providing numerical and qualitative information on their nuclear arsenals.

Mr. Chair,

Japan is seriously concerned about the advancement of the DPRK's nuclear and missile activities and its military cooperation with Russia. It is essential for the international community to be united and fully implement the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, to achieve the complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement of North Korea's all weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles of all ranges. Japan urges Pyongyang to abide by all the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and fully comply with the NPT and IAEA safeguards.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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