



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Mr. Chair,

I would like to begin by celebrating the 45th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). Last year, we adopted by consensus resolution A/RES/79/73, which recognizes the importance, timeliness, high quality, and impact of UNIDIR's work. Japan commends UNIDIR's efforts to build networks of disarmament experts and to explore emerging areas of disarmament and related disciplines to meet the needs of current and future disarmament dialogues.

Mr. Chair,

The UN80 reform is the most pressing and widely discussed issue in this session of the General Assembly. Japan commends the efforts of Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu to address this difficult and sensitive task in disarmament arena. Japan welcomes and supports efforts to streamline resources and eliminating redundancy within the organization, to maximize efficiency and productivity.

We hope the UN Secretariat will continue to closely consult with Member States with further details on its proposals and thorough assessments of their potential impacts, particularly those affecting the functionality of disarmament machinery—both positively and negatively.

Mr. Chair,

In support of the UN80 initiative, I call on my colleagues to work together to further improve the efficiency of the First Committee's work. We can explore incremental yet realistic steps, such as reducing the time dedicated for general statements and rights of reply. In particular, given that the time limit in thematic debates is three minutes, we believe it is reasonable to limit the first intervention under right of reply to three minutes or less, and the second intervention to two minutes or less. We should also look at how we can streamline the number of draft resolutions to submit and vote on, while avoiding negative implications on the substantive work of the committee or the necessary mandates.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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