



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

Statement by Japan

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Working Group on Transparency and Reporting
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Mr Chair,

Japan would like to thank Sierra Leone and Trinidad and Tobago for presenting their commitment and challenges on submitting their reports, and also would like to appreciate Cote D'Ivoire for sharing their capacity-building workshop to support reporting efforts. Taking this opportunity, Japan would like to emphasize the importance and benefits of the VTF framework as a valuable tool for building national capacities.

Japan welcomes the initiatives by the Secretariat to organize the third informal breakfast meeting on reporting this morning as a part of the voluntary peer to peer project, as well as the brainstorming meeting among regional reporting champions yesterday. Japan participated in both meetings and had a meaningful exchange with states facing challenges on reporting and discussed possible approaches to address their challenges.

Japan is ready to share our experience and practices in data collection and interagency coordination among domestic authorities with states parties and can also provide advice to states not yet party as a part of our universalization efforts, where appropriate. Taking into account the feedback we received this morning, we would like to further consider what sort of support would be helpful and effective for states with reporting challenges.

While reporting is a fundamental obligation outlined in article 13 of the Treaty, and an important tool to promote greater transparency in international arms trade, we also understand challenges in reporting due to complexities in administrative and domestic legal systems. In our view, synergies with UN Register on Conventional Arms reporting would be worth exploring in reducing reporting burdens and streamlining internal processes.

I thank you, Chair.