



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Madame President,

Japan welcomes the ratification of the Convention by the Republic of the Marshall Islands, making the Pacific nation the latest member of this landmark humanitarian disarmament instrument.

We also welcome the positive progress in the preparation of domestic procedures towards joining the Convention in the Kingdom of Tonga.

Consistent approach is crucial in universalization efforts. Through collaboration with the members of informal universalization coordination group, Japan will continue to work on toward universalization, one of the priority themes of the Presidency, while building on the achievements of efforts made by various stakeholders to this date.

Thank you, Madame President