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Mr. President,

Since this is the first time that I take the floor under your presidency, let me congratulate you, Ambassador Borodavkin, on your assumption of the Presidency of the Conference. I appreciate your hard work with regard to a program of work. We will report your proposal to Tokyo and duly consider it.

Mr. President,

As many Member States echoed, yesterday, March 6th, the DPRK simultaneously launched ballistic missiles, and three of them landed in Japan's exclusive economic zone (EEZ). These actions are clear provocations to the security of the region and the international community, and are totally unacceptable. In particular, the fact that the missiles came down inside Japan's EEZ is a direct and grave threat to Japan's security and is a serious danger for aviation and navigation.

These ballistic missile launches by the DPRK are clear violations of a series of United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs), and against the Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks. We condemn the DPRK's action in the strongest terms and reiterate our strong demand for the DPRK to immediately and fully implement relevant UNSCRs, and

other commitments.

Mr. President,

Before I conclude my statement, my delegation would like to echo those voices referring to International Women's Day, which is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women as well as promoting a more inclusive, gender equal world.

I thank you, Mr. President.