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Mr. President,

Since this is the first time that I take the floor under your presidency, let me congratulate you on your assumption of the Presidency of the Conference. I assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation in your endeavour for a successful presidency.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to refer to the DPRK's ballistic missile launch conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> March as well as a ballistic missile engine test on 19<sup>th</sup> March. They are in clear violation of relevant UN Security Council resolutions, including the most recent 2321.

Japan strongly condemns the launch and engine test and urges the DPRK to comply with relevant UN Security Council resolutions and other international commitments without taking further provocative actions.

I thank you, Mr. President.