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Agenda item 3(e) International Cooperation and Assistance

Mr. President,

Allow me to first congratulate you, Ambassador Aidan Liddle of the United Kingdom, for your election as the President of the 10th Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Please be assured of the full support and cooperation of my delegation.

Japan appreciates the efforts of the President to organize this Intersessional Meeting. We hope that this first intersessional meeting for the Oslo Convention will be an effective springboard for producing meaningful results at the 10th Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in August.

Mr. President,

We are deeply concerned that in today's international situation, instances of cluster munitions being used and the harm to civilians caused by unexploded ordnance continue to occur. The unexploded ordnance left behind is a serious problem for human security, leading to indiscriminate harm to civilians and impeding reconstruction and development activities. Along with further universalization of the Oslo Convention, it is important to provide sustained cooperation to stabilize the affected countries and regions and rebuild people's lives through UXO disposal, victim assistance and capacity building. Based on this recognition, Japan has emphasized the linkage between

humanity, development, and peace, and has steadily implemented international cooperation through preventive measures such as mine risk education, in addition to unexploded ordnance removal and assistance to victims. In 2021, Japan provided assistance, including mine action, totaling more than 41 million USD across 18 countries and regions. We, the States Parties, need to renew our commitment to a world free of the casualties, suffering and socio-economic impacts caused by cluster munitions, as affirmed in the Lausanne Declaration. To translate this determination into action, Japan will continue to promote efforts to counter unexploded ordnance and anti-personnel mines.

I thank you, Mr. President