



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
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Mr. Chair,

Let me extend my congratulations to you, Ambassador Omar Hilale, on your assumption of the Chairpersonship. The full text of this general statement is available on Estatements. In response to the statement made by North Korea, I reserve the right of reply at a later stage.

Mr. Chair,

To borrow from the words of our Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio, it is Japan's mission and responsibility to spread awareness of the realities of the disasters of Hiroshima and Nagasaki both across borders and down to future generations, as the only country to have ever suffered atomic bombing.

Japan welcomes the five-year extension by the United States and the Russian Federation of the New START Treaty. Japan also encourages China to continue its efforts to fulfil its responsibility as a nuclear weapon state within the NPT and an important player on the international community and to engage in the bilateral dialogue under the NPT.

At the same time, we are currently living in a severe and unstable international security environment. The measures we take to realize a world without nuclear weapons must take into account such realities.

Mr. Chair,

Japan attaches the utmost importance for the upcoming NPT Review Conference to deliver a meaningful outcome. Japan will submit a draft resolution titled "Joint Courses of Action and Future-oriented Dialogue towards a world without nuclear weapons" to this Committee. We hope that this resolution will provide a common ground for the upcoming NPT Review Conference.

Japan attaches particular importance to the early entry into force of the CTBT and an early commencement of negotiations on an FMCT. Concrete actions should be taken to reduce the risk of accidental nuclear weapon use. Efforts to increase transparency through reporting will enhance trust and confidence among all Member States.

Japan is deeply concerned about North Korea's continued development of nuclear and missile capabilities including developments highlighted by the IAEA Director General's Report in August and the recent missile launches. Japan reaffirms its strong commitment to the goal of achieving complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all of North Korea's nuclear weapons, existing nuclear programs, and related facilities as well as ballistic missiles of all ranges in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions. Furthermore, we call on all Member States to fully implement these resolutions.

Mr. Chair,

Japan fully supports the role of the OPCW in establishing facts surrounding allegations of the use of chemical weapons. Serving as Chair of the BWC's MX2, Japan is doing its best towards a tangible outcome at the upcoming BWC Review Conference.

Japan welcomes the ongoing discussion on emerging technologies in the area of LAWS within the CCW framework and will redouble its efforts in developing common understandings on key issues, and eventually in international rule-making. Japan also gives priority to international actions against land mines and improvised explosive devices, especially through its presidency of the Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II. Japan will again this year submit a draft resolution on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons alongside South Africa and Colombia.

Japan supports the establishment of an OEWG to discuss ways to reduce threats to space systems through the idea of responsible behaviors. Japan welcomes the reports of the GGE and OEWG on Cybersecurity adopted this year and will continue to actively participate in further discussions.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.