

DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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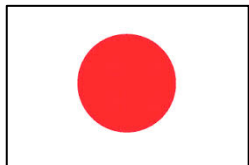
Thank you, Mr Vice-President,

This year marks an important milestone for the Voluntary Trust Fund, as it celebrates its tenth anniversary.

Over the past decade, the VTF has become a central mechanism for supporting the implementation of the ATT. It has helped many recipient States Parties strengthen their capacity and has made a significant contribution to the effective implementation of the Treaty.

Japan has recognised the importance of the VTF since its establishment and has supported its development through financial contributions and capacity-building assistance. The VTF plays an important role in strengthening national ownership and promoting the effective and sustainable implementation of the ATT.

Japan also highly appreciates the revision of the VTF Terms of Reference, achieved under the leadership of the German Presidency. The revised Terms of Reference provides an important foundation for further strengthening the governance of the VTF, clarifying its alignment with the object and purpose of the Treaty, and ensuring greater transparency, consistency, and accountability in its operation.



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Japan also welcomes the inclusion of gender considerations in project design, which will further contribute to the effective realisation of the objectives of the ATT.

The tenth anniversary is not only an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past decade, but also to look ahead to the next ten years. As a member of the Selection Committee, Japan will continue to work closely with the Chair and other members and contribute constructively to the effective functioning and further development of the VTF.

Thank you.

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