



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

**Statement delivered by Minister NAMIOKA Daisuke, Deputy Permanent
Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament
at the Preparatory Committee of the Seventh Review Conference of the
Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons
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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Japan attaches great importance to the development of universal and effective norms with regard to LAWS. The intensive discussions conducted in the GGE on LAWS have contributed to fostering a common understanding among States, and there have been many areas in which States have been able to reach common ground despite differences in their positions. The international community should recognise the significance of these efforts and achievements.

Building on these achievements, it is essential that we continue our substantive discussions on LAWS within the framework of the CCW, in which 128 High Contracting Parties, including major players, participate, further develop a common understanding of LAWS, and work towards developing rules that can command consensus. Japan strongly hopes that the 7th Review Conference will contribute to developing new common ground that will enable the GGE to continue its work in the future.

Japan will continue to participate actively and constructively in international norm-building efforts, with a view to fostering a common understanding across the international community through balanced discussions that take into account both humanitarian and security considerations.

Thank you.

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