DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.
Making progress towards nuclear disarmament has become increasingly difficult in recent years. At the 2026 NPT Review Conference, States Parties could not reach consensus on an outcome document. Nevertheless, the Conference served as an opportunity for States Parties to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to the NPT and to strengthening its implementation. We commend Ambassador Do Hung Viet's tireless efforts to guide us during the course of the Conference.

Mr. Chair,
As the only country to have ever suffered atomic bombings during war, Japan remains committed to realizing a world without nuclear weapons. The tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki must never be repeated. Japan's draft resolution -- Common steps towards a world without nuclear weapons-- seeks to encourage the international community to move forward together towards this common goal, building on positive elements in the discussions at the NPT Review Conference, and focusing on realistic and practical measures.

Such measures include the early entry into force and universalization of the CTBT. As we mark the 30th anniversary since the opening for signature of CTBT, Japan calls on all states, especially the remaining Annex II states, to sign and ratify the CTBT. Japan also calls for the immediate commencement of the negotiation of an FMCT and reiterates the importance of voluntary moratoriums on the production of fissile material for use in nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

Japan's draft resolution calls on the nuclear-weapon States to engage in efforts to promote international peace and stability, enhance mutual transparency, and adopt concrete risk reduction measures. The resolution also calls for enhanced and equal transparency by the nuclear weapon-States, including the use of standard reporting forms and the organization of structured in-person and interactive discussions in each NPT review cycle.

Mr. Chair,
We need to strengthen IAEA safeguards to verify that all nuclear material and technology are used for peaceful purposes only. We welcome the recent progress made towards the universalization of the CSA and call for the process to be completed. We also reiterate our position that the AP, together with the CSA, should be the safeguards standard of the NPT.

Mr. Chair,
Japan is seriously concerned about the advancement of the DPRK's nuclear and missile activities and its military cooperation with Russia. It is essential for the international community to be united and fully implement the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, to achieve the complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement of North Korea's all weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles of all ranges. Japan urges Pyongyang to abide by all the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and fully comply with the NPT and IAEA safeguards.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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