DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.
At this thematic debate, I will focus on two topics: cybersecurity and disarmament and non-proliferation education.

Mr. Chair,
Japan places high priority on maintaining and developing a free, fair, and secure cyberspace. Japan welcomes the launch of the Global Mechanism and congratulates its first successful substantive plenary session under the leadership of Chair López last July. Japan looks forward to constructive discussions based on an action-oriented and cross-cutting approach, focusing on practical challenges and aiming to achieve more concrete results.

We appreciate the Chair's resolution, which is a procedural formality that affirms the work of the Global Mechanism as the proper venue for discussions among Member States. This rightly leaves its substance to be determined by Member States in the meetings of the Mechanism, which Japan believes is the right direction in order to deepen substantive discussion. In this regard, we are concerned by another resolution which would be in direct competition with the Chair's procedural resolution. Japan continues to engage actively and constructively in the discussions within the Global Mechanism in cooperation with other member states to address challenges in the cyber domain.

Mr. Chair,
At this year's NPT Review Conference, 116 countries and regions, including Japan, delivered the "Joint Statement on practical measures for further promoting Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education". We were able to send a strong message on the importance of conveying the realities of the use of nuclear weapons beyond borders and generations. The Statement also underscored the importance of engaging with and investing in youths.

Japan remains committed to supporting the UN Disarmament Fellowship Programme and to implementing the Youth Leader Fund for a World Without Nuclear Weapons in close cooperation with UNODA. These initiatives provide invaluable learning experiences for young professionals aspiring to lead the disarmament community of tomorrow.

Japan also wishes to express its appreciation to Mexico for its continued leadership on this important issue through its resolution on disarmament and non-proliferation education. Japan joins Mexico and other co-sponsors in calling for broad support by Member States.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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