

Thank you very much, Mr. Vice-President,

I would like to give brief remarks to sum up the discussion.

As Friend of the President on universalization, Japan has been highly encouraged to find that so many States Parties take an interest in universalization of the CCM and implement some relevant activities in fact. On the other hand, Japan was also impressed to acknowledge that a great deal of Signatories and States not Party took part in this meeting to deepen their understanding of the significance of the Convention, and some of them kindly reported their current situations towards the ratification and accession.

At the outset of this session, Japan mentioned that we organized the team composed of several countries based upon the region they belong.

However, as is shown in the discussion in this session, universalization activity should be promoted not only by our team but also the interested countries and organizations.

In this context, we appreciate the British activity to incorporate the universalization issue in the agenda items of the Conference for Commonwealth members, and the similar efforts by the Portuguese-speaking countries got together to share the information on the CCM, as well as the workshop held in Thailand, and initiatives by Senegal to mobilize ECOWAS for this purpose.

Equally, we fully share the view shown by Belgium on the importance of information sharing, which is indispensable for avoiding ineffectiveness of the activity.

With this regard, we would like to touch upon the E-mail network we constructed within the team. We call upon all the Parties to report the content of your activities at your earliest convenience to the team member in charge of your region for the swift sharing and the integration of the information.

As CMC pointed out, the issue of universalization is closely connected with the prevention of further victims in future, so THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER.

We sincerely hope that these kind of activities including the one by the team will continue in future, to contribute to the further universalization.

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.