

Thank you, Mme. Chair,

Japan would briefly like to introduce, with honour, the recent progress we had in this field.

First of all, Japan implemented the survey regarding the stockpile destruction in our territory last year, to solve some problems on the methodology and the cost to secure the safe and certain destruction.

Taking account of the outcome and the analysis of the survey, Japan is happy to announce that the tender for the contract on destruction possessed by its Self-Defence Force was successfully done in August this year, and a certain private company, which is the winner, concluded the contract.

As a result of this, we are expected to complete the stockpile destruction well in advance to the deadline stipulated in Article 3 of the CCM.

Thank you, Mme. Chair.