



**Statement delivered by Delegation of Japan 11th Meeting of
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Thank you, Mr. President.

At the outset, Japan would like to extend its gratitude for the tireless efforts made by the Chair, the Coordinators, the ISU, and other States Parties in promoting universalization.

Japan welcomes the ratification of the CCM by Nigeria and South Sudan.

Japan has long attached great importance to the universalization of the Convention and has taken various opportunities to encourage States to ratify the Convention. We again call for the early accession to the Convention by States that have not yet done so.

We would like to emphasize that it is important for the stability of the international community that as many countries as possible accede to the Convention and continue universalization efforts to eliminate the threat and damage caused by cluster munitions.

The Dubrovnik Action Plan adopted at the First Review Conference set a target of 130 States Parties by the Second Review Conference, but this target has not yet been achieved. Japan will continue to cooperate in order to make further progress toward universalization in the current difficult international situation.

Thank you, Mr. President.