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Mr. President,

Japan commends the efforts of the President, the Coordinators, the ISU, and other stakeholders in promoting international support and cooperation.

Japan, as a State Party to the Convention, and from the perspective of the Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Nexus, actively implements international cooperation on mine and unexploded ordnance countermeasures. In fiscal year 2022, Japan provided a total of more than 52 million USD in bilateral assistance and cooperation through international organizations in 22 countries, targeting mine and unexploded ordnance clearance, victim assistance, risk education, etc.

We will continue to make efforts to provide necessary assistance in this field, while listening to the voices of the people in affected countries regarding the damage caused by unexploded ordnance, through the CCM Meeting of States Parties, consultations between States Parties, and direct needs assessments in the field.

I thank you, Mr. President