



DELEGATION OF JAPAN  
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Thank you, Madam President.

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

Despite our joint efforts, we share with you the concern that no State has acceded to the Convention since the 11th MSP and that the road to universalization is becoming more difficult in the light of Lithuania's intention to withdraw from the Convention.

We would like to emphasize that, despite the difficult international security environment, it is important that as many countries as possible accede to the Convention and continue universalization efforts to eliminate the threat and damage caused by cluster munitions.

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 once again call for early accession to the Convention by States that have not yet done so.

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 towards universalization in the current difficult situation.

Thank you very much.