Statement of the Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament 12th Meeting of State Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions 12th September 2024, Geneva Agenda item 10(e) International Cooperation and Assistance

Thank you, Madam President.

At the outset, Japan commends the efforts of Madam President, 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 2023, Japan provided a total of more than 28 million USD in bilateral assistance and cooperation through international organizations in 23 countries and regions, targeting mine and unexploded ordnance clearance, victim assistance, risk education, among others.

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, Madam President.