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TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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**Statement delivered by Minister NAMIOKA Daisuke, Deputy Permanent  
Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament  
at the Third Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions  
Status of the assessed contributions received  
pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention  
14 -18 September 2026, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic**

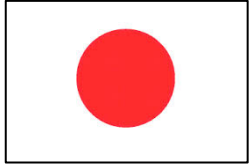
Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan's basic position on the budgets of international organizations has been, and remains, Zero Nominal Growth (ZNG). Nevertheless, Japan finds it extremely regrettable that the problem of arrears persists and that a 15 percent contingency reserve has become necessary.

The payment of assessed contributions is a legal obligation for States Parties. Arrears signify a continuing failure to comply with obligations under the Convention and also touch directly on the question of political commitment to it.

The 15 percent contingency reserve does not waive the payment obligations of States in arrears, nor does it alter those obligations in any way. There is no guarantee that such a reserve can be maintained in the future. Sound finances are indispensable to advancing implementation of the Convention, and this requires the timely payment of assessed contributions. We therefore urge States in arrears to settle, promptly and in full, all outstanding amounts, including those from previous years.

In parallel, we expect the Convention to seek cost savings, including with respect



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to meeting-related expenditures, and to strive, through prudent budget reductions, to prevent increases in assessed amounts and, where possible, to reduce them. With respect to the estimate now before us, we expect concrete efforts toward budget restraint and reallocation, and we request a clear, evidence-based justification for any proposed increases. We also request the timely submission of financial statements to support these discussions.

Thank you.

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