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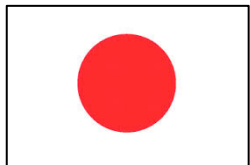
**Statement delivered by Minister NAMIOKA Daisuke, Deputy Permanent
Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament
at the Review Conference of States Parties to
the Convention on Cluster Munitions
14 September 2026, Vientiane, the Lao People's Democratic Republic**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan warmly congratulates H.E. Mr. Thongsavan Phomvihane, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on his assumption of the Presidency of this Review Conference. We also express our sincere appreciation for his leadership in preparing for this Conference, as well as for the support extended by the Government of the Lao PDR in making this Conference possible. The Japanese delegation stands ready to work closely with the President and his team to contribute to meaningful discussions throughout this Conference and to build momentum towards further implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM).

Mr. President,

Japan welcomes the entry into force of Vanuatu's accession to the CCM on 1 March this year. In light of the continued suffering caused by the presence of cluster munition remnants in various parts of the world, the importance of universalising the Convention remains as strong as ever. Japan strongly calls upon all States not yet party to the Convention, in particular those States that have signed but not yet ratified it, to accede to or ratify the Convention at the earliest possible opportunity.



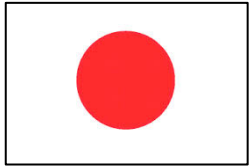
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With regard to the implementation of the Convention, the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties confirmed that all States Parties had completed the destruction of their stockpiled cluster munitions in accordance with Article 3. Japan commends the steady efforts being made under Article 4, including the identification of contaminated areas, clearance of unexploded ordnance, and risk education. These achievements represent significant progress in the implementation of the Convention. Japan pays tribute to the efforts of States Parties that have worked towards stockpile destruction, as well as those of the Coordinators and all other stakeholders involved.

Mr. President,

Japan provides assistance to affected States and communities through a range of measures, including clearance of unexploded ordnance, risk education, capacity-building, and victim assistance. In particular, in the Asia-Pacific region, Japan has for many years cooperated with countries facing long-standing challenges posed by unexploded ordnance, including through clearance operations, risk education, and the strengthening of local implementation capacities. In fiscal year 2025, Japan provided approximately US\$59 million in assistance to 15 countries and regions, including in Asia.

To further advance efforts towards the implementation of the Convention, Japan assumed the role of Victim Assistance Coordinator earlier this year. Japan will continue to support and encourage the efforts of States Parties in the area of victim assistance and to provide cooperation tailored to the needs of individual countries, covering the full



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range from risk education to assistance to victims.

Mr. President,

It is essential to maintain a sound financial foundation in order to hold Meetings of States Parties and Review Conferences and to sustain the implementation of the Convention. Japan regrets that, at the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties, it became necessary to introduce a 15 percent contingency reserve into the Convention's budget due to outstanding assessed contributions, thereby increasing the burden on States that have fulfilled their financial obligations. Japan once again calls upon all States Parties to fulfill their obligations to pay assessed contributions under the Convention and to settle their outstanding contributions without further delay.

Japan stands ready to contribute constructively to the discussions over the course of these five days and to translate the outcomes of this Conference into concrete actions towards further implementation of the Convention.

Japan will also work closely with all States Parties to ensure that a meaningful outcome document is adopted by consensus on the final day of the Conference.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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