



DELEGATION OF JAPAN  
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  
Review of the operation and status of the Convention and other matters  
important for achieving the aims of the Convention (Universalization)  
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Thank you, Mr. President,

We commend you, the Coordinators, and other champion States for your efforts to promote the universalization of this Convention. Even amid today's severe international security environment, it remains essential that as many States as possible join the Convention and that we intensify universalization efforts to eliminate the threat and harm caused by cluster munitions.

In this regard, we warmly welcome the recent accession of Vanuatu.

Japan has consistently attached great importance to universalization and has taken every opportunity to engage with other countries on this. We reiterate our call for the early accession of States not yet party to the Convention.

Japan stands ready to continue cooperating in discussions on practical measures to advance universalization under the current challenging international circumstances.

Thank you.

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