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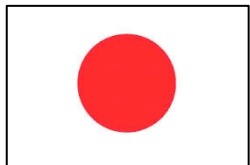
**Statement delivered by Minister NAMIOKA Daisuke, Deputy Permanent
Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament
at the Third Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions
Review of the operation and status of the Convention and other matters
important for achieving the aims of the Convention
(Clearance and destruction of cluster munitions remnants)
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Thank you, Mr. President,

We commend you and the Coordinators for your efforts to advance the clearance of cluster munition remnants.

Japan pursues the goal of realizing human security, so that people are freed from the threats posed by landmines and cluster munition remnants and can safely engage in their daily socio-economic activities. To this end, we promote sustainable and efficient mine action. To implement this, Japan works closely with national authorities in affected countries, other donor states, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector, with a strong focus on national ownership and capacity development, and triangular cooperation .

It is essential that mine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) programs be led by the affected state, rather than donors. Such national leadership helps ensure that ERW action is not a stand-alone effort, but is integrated into the country's broader recovery and development plans, thereby safeguarding national ownership and achieving sustainable action. To this end, high-level government attention and a whole-of-government approach are vital.



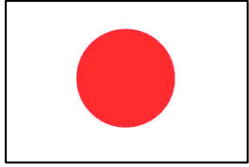
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Under Japan's Comprehensive Package on Support for Mine Action, we support a wide range of programs, from immediate life-saving clearance activities to initiatives that contribute to medium- and long-term recovery and development.

For example, in Lebanon, in partnership with UNDP, Japan is supporting the strengthening of the coordination and management capacity of the Lebanon Mine Action Center (LMAC) under the Lebanese Armed Forces. Concretely, by aligning organizational arrangements with international standards, cultivating specialized human resources, and introducing innovative technologies, this effort contributes to the clearance of approximately 735,000 square meters of contaminated land in conflict-affected areas, including South Lebanon, enabling safe return and the rebuilding of livelihoods.

Moreover, Japan is working to promote more efficient mine and ERW action by sharing our knowledge and experience in the use of emerging technologies with other countries.

Japan is also exploring approaches and initiatives to further enhance synergies between mine/ERW action and the Women, Peace and Security agenda. In Sri Lanka, in cooperation with UNDP, we are providing safe and inclusive facilities that enable female deminers to participate safely and engage in capacity-building activities, thereby improving operational efficiency and sustaining workforce motivation.



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Japan will continue to work with other States Parties to achieve the objectives of this Convention, for international peace and stability, and for the realization of human security.

Thank you.

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