

Intervention by Ambassador Ogasawara Ichiro of Japan

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Japan wishes to echo the previous speakers in thanking you, Mr. President, for the excellent working documents that you and your team have provided us. I believe these documents, including the revised informal draft Lausanne Action Plan, constitute a good basis for our discussion and pave the way towards the success of the coming Review Conference in Lausanne.

We appreciate the improvements shown in the new informal draft Action Plan that integrates and reflects many of the comments Japan put forward.

Especially;

First, Japan supports the creation of the introductory paragraphs which contribute to locating this document within the wider framework of our collective efforts in the field of arms control.

Second, Japan appreciates the clear references in the introductory paragraphs to leading and widely established guidelines such as the Sustainable Development Goals and human security. In this regard, Japan considers it most appropriate to have here a reference also to *The Disarmament Agenda* launched by the UNSG.

Third, we are pleased to see mentioned the synergy effects with the other relevant international instruments such as the Anti-Personal Mine Ban Convention, for example in Action #8.

Japan also highly valued the new working paper entitled *Ways Forward on Universalization of the CCM* jointly prepared by the distinguished representatives of Chile and the Republic of the Philippines. Their focus on the Asia-Pacific region is very welcome. For its part, Japan would like to join its efforts to the proposed common efforts of universalization as one of the countries of the Region.