

Statement by the Government of Japan on Financial Contributions
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Mr. President,

Japan appreciates the role played by the ATT in improving arms control transparency, and would like to emphasize that, in order to ensure the sustainable management of the Treaty, financial stability is essential.

Payment of contributions is an obligation of the States Parties, signatory States, and observer States as stipulated in the ATT Financial Rules adopted by the States Parties under Treaty Article 17.3, and each State is required to fulfill its obligation and bear its financial responsibility.

Mr. President,

As the world faces serious difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, arms control is becoming increasingly important, given its role in restoring regional and global stability. In order to promote the implementation of this significant instrument, States Parties to this Treaty must recall that they have to share the financial responsibility.

It is for this reason that Japan encourages all States Parties, signatory States, and observer States to fulfill their obligations to pay their assessed contributions as stipulated in the Financial Rules of the Treaty.

Japan also encourages States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to enter into arrangements with the Secretariat based on the Financial Rules. “Draft Elements for a Secretariat's Procedure Regarding Rule 8 (1) d”, submitted by the Management Committee for adoption at CSP6, proposes a specific procedure pertaining to the Financial Rule 8(1) d to facilitate the arrangement of multi-year payment plans and to prevent long-term non-payment. Japan supports the document, and hopes that Decision 15 will be adopted to enhance compliance with the procedure.

Once again, Japan would like to stress the importance of each State fulfilling its obligation to pay its assessed contributions. Please rest assured, Mr. President, that even

under the current stringent financial circumstances, Japan will continue to comply with its obligations under this valuable Treaty.

Thank you, Mr. President.