



DELEGATION OF JAPAN  
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Matters pertaining to the Secretariat  
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Mr. President,

Japan appreciates the work of the Secretariat to enable the Treaty to continue its multiple functions, and especially for organising the CSP. Thanks to the reliable and precise work of the Secretariat, our discussions have been proceeding smoothly, including though a hybrid format, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Japan would also like to thank the Secretariat for the proposed budget for 2023. Japan commends the Secretariat's cost-cutting efforts with regard to the draft budget for 2023.

On this occasion, we would like to mention that for all the international organizations and entities, Japan's basic position on their budget is zero-nominal growth. Even in the case of necessary increase, we normally request efficient budget formulation and implementation by absorbing any increase through scrap-and-build or other cost-saving efforts.

Having said that, Japan continues to support the need to prepare for hybrid conferences throughout the pandemic experience and hopes that the budget will be used effectively to promote our discussion on the ATT.

In order to maintain and reinforce the stable and effective function of the Secretariat amid the current difficult financial conditions, each and every State Party needs to pay its assessed contribution in a timely manner. Once again, Japan would like to stress the importance of each State fulfilling its obligation to pay its assessed contribution. Please rest assured, Mr. President, that even under the current difficult circumstances, Japan will continue to comply with its obligations under this valuable Treaty.

Thank you, Mr. President.