



DELEGATION OF JAPAN  
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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, Japan would like to thank Ambassador Sánchez de Lerín for your dedication to the work as Chair, and for your draft proposal on the future agenda and working arrangements of this working group.

Japan supports the proposed approach to shift the focus of the working group to practical aspects of treaty implementation such as concrete measures and actual practices and to identify needs of cooperation and assistance for better implementation of the Treaty. It would be helpful to enhance the cooperation and assistance mechanism within the ATT framework and to facilitate building national capacities for treaty implementation.

Japan is flexible on the working arrangements and the composition of this working group including integrating with the other working groups. The Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) is an important existing supporting mechanism under the ATT and a valuable tool for capacity building in the

implementation of the ATT. It could be possible to discuss the proactive use of the VTF program as one of agenda items of this working group.

Lastly, following practices over the past two years, Japan supports developing a new multi-year work plan for the future work of the working group, which will give us visibility on the agenda to come and enable us to prepare in advance.

Thank you Mr. Chair,