Statement of Japan In the Item 7 (e) (iv) Implementation support

Mr. President,

With the goal of mine-free world by 2025 fast approaching, implementation of the Convention is becoming more critical than ever. That makes the role of the Implementation Support Unit increasingly important, and for that reason, the States Parties need to secure an environment that allows the ISU to fully perform its designated function. In particular, Japan believes that maintaining a financial condition conducive to the ISU's operation is critical

Japan, therefore, encourages all the States Parties to provide financial contribution to the ISU so that the Unit can remain fully operational situated in a sustainable financial condition.

Every year since 2015, Japan has been providing voluntary contribution to the ISU, totaling more than 360,000 CHF. That includes 35,327 CHF that we pledged and disbursed in July this year.

Again, in view of the critical tasks that the ISU carries out, Japan encourages each of the States Parties to extend its financial support to the Unit, which is indispensable to ensure the implementation of the Convention.

Thank you.