

Statement of Japan  
Item 9, Financial Status

Mr. President.

Japan would like to state three points on the financial status and arrangements.

First, Japan believes it crucial that the States Parties fulfill their obligation to share the financial responsibility as stipulated in Article 14. It is a matter of course that timely disbursement by each State Party is indispensable to the operation and implementation of the Convention. In this respect, Japan strongly encourages all the States Parties to disburse their allotted amount of share, and to do so in a timely manner.

Secondly, we would like to express our concern over the measures to alleviate financial difficulties proposed in the joint letter sent out by the UNODA Geneva Office and the UN Financial Resources Management Services (FRMS) in April this year. The proposal, in fact, is to allocate the rollover for covering financial deficiency resulted from nonfulfillment of obligation, and such an arrangement is unacceptable to the States Parties that have performed their duties.

Lastly, Japan noticed that the estimated costs for the subsequent meetings were released after the commencement of the Review Conference, and would like to point out that proper examination and consideration over the document requires an adequate amount of time. We suggest that, in the future, the estimated costs are released well in advance for the States Parties' substantial consideration. It may also be of help if the requested amount for each State Party is listed in the document, which can accelerate domestic procedure for disbursement, resulting in earlier payments and possibly less number of cases of non-payment.

Mr. President,

Japan would like to reiterate the importance of timely payment of annual contribution by each State Party, and at the same time, expresses its readiness to cooperate with other States Parties to restore sound financial condition of the Convention.

Thank you, Mr. President.