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Mr. President,

Japan believes that the ISU plays an indispensable role in the efficient implementation of the Convention. In addition, as the Target date of achieving a mine-free world by 2025 is imminent, its role is becoming more and more important.

With that in mind, Japan supports the ISU 2021 budget and work plan and is pleased with the results of the 2019 audit report.

Since 2015, Japan has consistently provided an annual voluntary contribution to the ISU, totaling more than 393,000 CHF, which includes 25,471 CHF which was pledged in February and disbursed in July this year.

Taking into account its critical functions, Japan would like to encourage States Parties to extend their financial support to the ISU in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

Japan will continue to cooperate with the ISU and commit to the implementation of the convention.

Thank you Mr. President.