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○Excellencies and distinguished delegates. I am honored to make this address on behalf of the Government of Japan.

○Japan supports WHO to fulfill its core mandates—most notably, setting norms, playing convening role and infectious crises management, with a view to achieving universal health coverage (UHC).

○We welcome the successful conclusion of WHO Pandemic Agreement negotiation as a demonstration of norm setting and emergency response functions.

○Regarding emergency, Japan has established the Japan Institute for Health Security, or *JIHS*, this April. We look forward to collaboration between JIHS and WHO as well as other member states and regions.

○In order to respond to health emergencies, we should draw upon the experiences of regions that have achieved notable public health outcomes, such as Taiwan. No region should be left behind to prevent geographical vacuums that could undermine global efforts to contain the spread of disease.

○WHO also plays a vital role of leading critical agenda including UHC. Japan fully supports WHO to establish the “UHC Knowledge Hub” in collaboration with the World Bank to strengthening health financing in low- and middle-income countries.

○The international community still face a mountain of health issues. We strongly condemn Russia’s ongoing aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a clear violation of international law. Japan will continue to support the Ukrainian government’s efforts to protect its people from public health threats.

○Japan is also deeply concerned about the catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We strongly call for sincere efforts towards the continuation of the ceasefire agreement.

○We recognize that Director-General Tedros is also making efforts to ensure that WHO remains at the heart of the global health architecture, and functions more effectively to achieve health for all. The Government of Japan remains committed to supporting such efforts. Thank you very much.