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

- Given the increasingly severe challenges to global health, there is an urgent need to advance WHO reform and to rebuild the global health architecture. Japan expresses its respect and support for the efforts of the WHO Secretariat, led by Director-General Tedros. Japan will contribute actively to these discussions.

- In advancing its reform, WHO must return to its core mandates, namely the evidence-based norm-setting role, the leadership and convening role in global health, and the coordination and guidance role in infectious disease emergencies. Turning this crisis into an opportunity is essential.

- Last year, Japan hosted the UHC High–Level Forum and has contributed to strengthening health financing in developing countries through the UHC Knowledge Hub established in Tokyo in collaboration with WHO and the World Bank. Japan is also planning to host the UHC High–Level Forum again on December 12 this year in Tokyo, continuing to contribute to the achievement of UHC worldwide.

- In the response to health emergencies including pandemics, there should be no geographical vacuums. We should draw upon the experiences of regions that have achieved notable public health outcomes, such as Taiwan.

- On the Pandemic Agreement, Japan will continue to engage constructively in the discussions to ensure that the system for pathogen access and benefit–sharing is operational and meaningful in practice.

- We strongly condemn Russia’s aggression against Ukraine as a clear violation of international law. Japan will continue to

support the Ukrainian government's efforts to protect its people from public health threats.

- Conflicts break out over the world. Japan is resolutely against any attacks against medical personnel and facilities, and calls for protection for healthcare in situations of armed conflict in compliance with international humanitarian law.
- Japan reaffirms its unwavering commitment to achieve “Health for All” together with WHO. Thank you very much.