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### **Statement by H.E. Ambassador Toshiya Hoshino Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations**

#### **Main Part of the Seventy-Second Session of the Fifth Committee 23 December 2017**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Congratulations for successfully concluding the main part of the seventy-second session of the fifth committee. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for your leadership and guidance, and would also like to thank Secretariat colleagues, who have worked tirelessly and assisted the committee during this session.

Mr. Chairman,

In this session we have agreed on many important items including the regular budget, special political missions, construction issues, and UN Management Reform. Let us not underestimate the tremendous effort and spirit of compromise shown by our negotiators during the development of the resolutions we have just adopted. We look forward to working, under your guidance, toward the realization of the aspirations contained in these resolutions.

On UN reform, I would like to reiterate that Japan supports and will continue to support the initiative and leadership of the Secretary-General toward the realization of impactful UN reform in the areas of peace and security, development, and management. It is our sincere expectation that the consensus reached among the Member States on Management Reform will serve as a solid basis upon which the Secretary-General may continue to act on his commitment to lead the effort on UN management reform, which underpins the other pillars of the reform of the Organization, enabling more efficient and effective delivery of its mandates, in strict adherence to the budgetary discipline.

Mr. Chairman,

Speaking of the reform, I believe that the Fifth Committee may also need some reform. In this session, for example, the item Umoja was introduced to the Committee on 19 December, no more than three days before concluding the session. Whatever the reason, we must admit that this late introduction of official document is a matter of concern, as it leaves only a short time for the Member States to negotiate.

We commend the hard work of our negotiators. However, in order to maximize their potential, Japan believes that we need to reform our own working method in order to increase the efficiency: for example, we should set a hard deadline for the introduction of official document around the middle of the session, even if the item is of a time-binding nature.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish you, the bureau members, representatives of the Secretariat and dear colleagues, happy holidays and thank you again for all the hard but ultimately rewarding work.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.