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Mr. Chair,

I would first like to thank Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, and Mr. Alexandre Zouev, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security, for presenting the Secretary-General's report on Investing in prevention and peacebuilding, as well as Ms. Juliana Gaspar Ruas, Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for introducing the Advisory Committee's report.

Mr. Chair,

Maintaining international peace and security is the primary purpose of this Organization. Japan has been and will continue to be fully committed to supporting UN peacebuilding activities. Among them, as emphasized in the Secretary-General's "Our Common Agenda" report, prevention is the key to peacebuilding and sustaining peace. Accordingly, Japan supports the emphasis on "investing in prevention and peacebuilding." Building inclusive and effective institutions and empowering people are the keys to building trust, ensuring human security, and sustaining peace.

Mr. Chair,

The Peacebuilding Fund has proven to be an important tool in that regard, providing flexible, responsive, and focused resources at the disposal of the UN system. Japan has made voluntary contributions of over 60 million USD to the Fund since 2006, and has steadily been contributing to fulfill its pledge of 10 million USD for the 2020-2024 strategy. Japan appreciates the critical role that the Fund plays based on its particular strengths, such as the agility and flexibility to respond to the constantly changing realities on the ground. In considering future options for the Fund's replenishment, we must bear in mind that adequate, predictable, and sustained resources should not be pursued at the expense of this agility and flexibility, but rather by ensuring accountability.

Mr. Chair,

Given the importance and diversity of the needs on the ground, issues related to financing for peacebuilding, including consideration on the proposed allocation of assessed contributions to the Peacebuilding Fund, should continue to be thoroughly discussed from broad perspective, taking into account various contexts where the gaps actually exist. In this regard, Japan

appreciates the active discussions at last month's High-Level Meeting on Peacebuilding Financing. The Member States should continue to explore adequate, predictable, and sustained financing for peacebuilding. I hope this Committee will also contribute to enriching the discussion with its expertise in financial discipline and established principles in this area.

Mr. Chair,

To conclude, let me reassure you of Japan's continued commitment to this important agenda.

Thank you.