

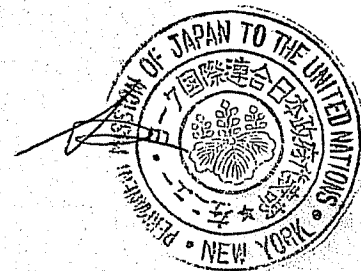
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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to submit the following information on the status of the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law in accordance with General Assembly resolution 63/125 of 11 December 2008. Please find attached an annex which details Japan's contribution.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.

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[Annex]

1. Japan established relevant domestic laws necessary for the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, such as, the Act to prohibit and regulate production and possession of cluster munitions, and concluded this Convention on 14 July 2009.
2. The Government of Japan has provided assistance for carrying out the activities to clear unexploded ordnances, including land mines and cluster munitions, as well as to assist the victims of these munitions. Since 1998, the total amount of the assistance extended to 44 countries and regions is approximately 420 million USD(approximately 40 billion JYP). Japan continues to play a proactive role in this area, and encourages other countries to conclude this Convention in collaboration with civil society, in order to advance the legal norm to ban cluster munitions in the international community,