

**Statement by the Representative of Japan  
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Madam Chair,

Let me start by congratulating you on your election as Chair of the Sixth Committee, as well as the other Bureau members on their appointments. Japan lends you its full support.

Madam Chair,

One year after our last discussion in this Committee, the world is still grappling with COVID-19. Many have sounded the alarm about its potential impacts on counter-terrorism (CT), and the international community must urgently prepare itself for the post-pandemic CT landscape. This will require a reinvigorated multilateral response, as highlighted by the Secretary-General in his recent report on the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS). The adoption of the 7<sup>th</sup> GCTS Review resolution therefore provides welcome unity and guidance for our collective efforts.

Aligned with the GCTS and the spirit of this Committee, I cannot stress enough the critical importance of the rule of law in achieving effective CT. Japan has placed importance on this perspective through its contributions to global CT efforts. Taking this opportunity, let me share with you four salient points.

First, **advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law**. In March, overcoming difficulties caused by the pandemic, Japan successfully hosted the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice organized by the UNODC, which resulted in the adoption of the “Kyoto Declaration.” The Declaration will serve as a shared basis for Member States to reaffirm the importance of and promote the rule of law and international cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism.

Second, **stemming the cycle of violence while ensuring criminal justice**. To prevent future terrorism, it is essential not only to bring terrorists to justice but also to facilitate the social and economic reintegration of perpetrators and those associated. Japan has staunchly supported the prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration (PRR) initiative of CTED with a view to developing comprehensive and tailored PRR strategies in Southeast Asia. Its outcome document can help Member States, both in the region and beyond, navigate the complexities of their own PRR development and implementation.

Third, **enforcing law in cyberspace**. Today we see a growing demand to boost Member States’ law enforcement capacities to leverage open-source information. Cognizant of this urgent need, Japan has supported the UNOCT’s programme to improve the investigative skills of law enforcement officials in Asia through capacity-building on the use of open-

source information and awareness-raising about terrorists' exploitation of emerging technologies. Notably, the programme emphasizes the importance of ensuring due process and respecting human rights.

Lastly, **promoting peace and stability at sea underpinned by the rule of law.** A peaceful and stable ocean serves the entire international community, and the suppression of maritime crime and terrorism-related acts is a prerequisite for its realization. Exemplified by its contribution of about 26 million USD and technical assistance to the UNODC's Global Maritime Crime Programme to date, Japan has spared no effort to strengthen the capacities of maritime law enforcement in Asia and Africa. To protect a rules-based maritime order, Japan will continue leading by example in the follow-up to the GCTS resolution that stresses the need to counter terrorism in order to enhance maritime security.

Madam Chair,

To fight terrorism in these times of uncertainty and fragility, we must stay united. The successful holding of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games this year was the result of not only robust domestic CT measures but also international cooperation, which Japan deeply appreciates. Japan will remain committed, in solidarity with the UN, our fellow Member States and other stakeholders, to global CT efforts.

I thank you.

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