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- I am KOIZUMI Shinjiro, Minister of the Environment, Japan.  
Thank you Chair, for giving Japan the opportunity to speak as a member of the Troika today.
  
- First of all, I would like to thank the Chair country Saudi Arabia, headed by His Excellency Abdul Rahman Al-Fadli, Minister of the Environment, Water and Agriculture, and the Saudi team for holding the first ever Environment Ministers Meeting in the G20 history, following last year's G20 ministerial meeting in Karuizawa in Japan. It is extremely important for G20 Ministers of the Environment to discuss environmental challenges facing us today. I can imagine how hard it is to prepare this meeting during the time of pandemic and would like to express my deepest respect for the Saudi Arabian Presidency's efforts and hospitality.
  
- The UNFCCC and I had the pleasure to co-host an online ministerial meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to unveil "Platform for Redesign 2020". I am thankful to the many G20 countries for their participation and video message contributions. With the participation of 96 countries, this ministerial meeting was the largest ever organized online on climate change. While COP26 was postponed, global solidarity and climate momentum were strengthened during the meeting.
  
- "Redesign" was recognized as the key concept in that meeting. We all shared the understanding that the transition to a decarbonized society, the transition to a circular economy, and the transition to a decentralized society are the core of redesigning our socio-economic system for a more sustainable and resilient world. Going forward, Japan will lead by example, strengthening international cooperation and pursuing the Redesign of our socio-economic system through the three transitions.
  
- Land degradation and habitat loss as well as coral reefs conservation, which are the main topics discussed in this meeting, are all extremely important issues with regards to the conservation of biodiversity.

- I am confident that the results of this meeting's discussions will contribute to the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at COP15 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) scheduled in May next year. On the occasion of the COP15, Japan wishes to further develop the Satoyama Initiative which promotes the sustainable use of local natural resources.
- In this relation, I wish to express my respect for the government and the people of the Republic of Mauritius for their efforts to respond to the oil spill accident. The government of Japan took the accident very seriously and immediately dispatched the Japan Disaster Relief Expert Teams and provided equipment and materials upon the request of Mauritius. Japan will continue to provide support in monitoring in an expeditious manner and with an eye on the mid- to long-term needs.
- At the G20 Summit last year, Japan proposed the "Osaka Blue Ocean Vision" in which we aim to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050. I am pleased to announce that it has already been shared by as many as 86 countries and regions, going well beyond the G20 boundary and approaching half the world. This vision should become a universal one, as this problem requires a global solution.
- We are proactively tackling this issue. Based on "the G20 Implementation Framework" which was established during Japan presidency, we have compiled 2nd G20 report on actions against marine plastic litter for peer learning purpose, under the leadership of Saudi Arabia.
- In order to effectively resolve this issue, it is necessary to ensure the involvement of various actors and implement initiatives

adapted to their specific needs. Japan will continue to lead efforts in developing solutions.

- Today, I sincerely hope that the G20 ministers will have a candid exchange of views on these important issues, and that it will lead to an enhanced solidarity among the G20 countries and in the world. Thank you. Arigatou.