

UNEA6 National Statement  
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First, let me briefly touch upon Ukraine. Russia's aggression against Ukraine is an outrageous act that has shaken the very foundation of the international order. Any unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force is unacceptable. This aggression also has caused severe damage to Ukraine's environment. We condemn this aggression and call once again on Russia to cease all hostilities in Ukraine and withdraw its troops from Ukraine. As we joined the Joint Statement of like-minded countries, Japan is steadfast in our solidarity with Ukraine.

Turning to our main topic, we face the triple planetary climate change crisis, biodiversity loss, and pollution. To overcome this crisis, we need to aim for integrated solutions. For example, when promoting actions for climate change, they also need to be effective for biodiversity loss and pollution. The G7 Hiroshima Summit Communiqué under the Japanese Presidency last year stated the importance of synergies.

At the SDG Summit held last September, unfortunately, the achievement of the SDGs was assessed as not being on track, and we have been encouraged to increase synergies between the goals of each SDG to achieve them. According to the First Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergies released last September, efforts for enhancing synergies will benefit all the countries and more in developing countries. As the report also pointed out, promoting synergies can increase efficiency and reduce investment gaps.

Japan has submitted a draft resolution to promote synergies on a global scale. Through this resolution, we will first build a common understanding internationally that synergies are essential. Second, we would like to collect good examples of synergies and, based on these, develop guidance for policymakers on realizing synergies. We would like to use this guidance to implement measures enhancing synergies in each country, aiming to overcome the triple crisis.

To contribute to implementing this resolution, Japan will conduct research to develop tools and indicators through analysis and evaluation of specific cases of synergies. In the coming year, the Asia Pacific Synergies Report will be prepared jointly with UNESCAP, ADB. We will also support the global conference on strengthening synergies jointly held by UNDESA and UNFCCC. Let us use the adoption of this resolution on synergies as an opportunity to expand synergy initiatives worldwide, leading to overcoming the triple crises and achieving the SDGs. Thank you very much.