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Thank you, Madam President,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Her Excellency Susana Muhamad, all Parties to the Convention and its Protocols as well as the CBD Secretariat for their dedicated work.

Madam President, we are now in the critical phase of implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, where we only have six years until 2030.

Japan has submitted its revised NBSAP and has been implementing various measures. We launched an initiative to certify sites conserved through activities by various actors including private sectors and thus building on our experience, we also established a new law this spring.

Furthermore, to promote the engagement of the business sector, we developed the Transition Strategy Toward Nature Positive Economy, demonstrating that nature positive initiatives will also lead to the creation of corporate values and business opportunities.

Japan also continues to support the implementation of the GBF globally.

Through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, we have been supporting capacity building and development for the revisions of NBSAPs with the CBD Secretariat and Parties. Japan also has pledged its contribution to the GBF Fund.

Along with that, we will continue working further on the Satoyama Initiative that promotes the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, including through community-based projects.

Regarding the agenda of DSI, it is essential to establish a structure that does not impede, but rather encourages the use of DSI by the companies who are set to become the main contributors, by means of justifiable level of contribution for them and incentive measures. With this in mind, let us do our best together to accomplish the goal of obtaining a feasible, practical, and effective mechanism to contribute to the objectives of the CBD.

Let me finalize my remark by highlighting our recent efforts. Japan hosted the International Youth Conference on Biodiversity Yokohama 2024 to practice a whole-of-society approach.

Japan is committed to work with you all to achieve the GBF.

Thank you.