



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

Statement by Japan
The Tenth Conference of the States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty
Preparatory Meeting
On Food for thought joint paper about the organization of the ATT WG meeting

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Mr President,

At the outset, Japan would like to express its sincere appreciation to the President to your leadership throughout the preparation process and also thank the members of the Management Committee and the Secretariat for their dedication to the work of the ATT.

We appreciate the efforts by the UK and the group of countries to prepare the “Food for thought joint paper” on the organization of the ATT working group meetings and to raise this important issue, which is timely considering the ongoing work of the management committee.

Japan attaches great importance to improving the overall efficiency of the programme of work of the ATT Working Group Meetings and to ensuring transparency in the decision-making process and the organization of the meetings.

In particular, Japan shares the view that greater transparency on the arrangement of each meeting session in advance, including the composition of the panels and topics of the presentations, would help us to engage in the session and it would also facilitate substantive and interactive discussions. Japan also values a degree of flexibility in the timetable of each session to accommodate a rolling agenda and priorities as well as changes in circumstances.

Japan stands ready to join efforts by the Presidency together with other office holders in improving the overall efficiency and transparency of the work of the ATT meetings.