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Japan Explanation of Vote (Cluster 1)

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Thank you, Mr Chair,

Japan would like to explain the reason for its votes on draft resolutions L.17, L.18, and L 56.

First, we voted in favor of L.17 (Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons).

As the only country to have ever suffered atomic bombings during war, Japan fully shares the goal of total elimination of nuclear weapons, and fully recognizes the humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons based on our firsthand experience.

We have made various efforts in sharing our experiences to raise awareness of the humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons and will continue to do so in the future.

Second, we voted against L.18 (Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons).

As the only country to have ever suffered the devastation of atomic bombings during war, Japan fully shares the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons. The TPNW is an important treaty that could be regarded as the final passage to a world without nuclear weapons. However, in order to change the reality, engagement with nuclear weapon states is necessary.

Japan calls on all States, both nuclear and non-nuclear weapon states, to join forces to achieve our shared goal, and to focus on realistic and practical measures for advancing nuclear disarmament, regardless of divergent views on how to achieve our common goal.

I would also like to emphasize that Japan has not changed its position on the TPNW, though there is a factual reference to that treaty in L4.

Third, Japan recognizes the importance of the topics raised in L56 (Possible risks of integration of artificial intelligence in command, control and communication system of nuclear weapons). Japan also highly values Mexico's efforts to engage with member states with different views and the revisions made to the draft resolution.

We abstained on L56 considering the risks and opportunities associated with AI, and the need to strike a balance between them.

However, Japan would like to continue the dialogue on nuclear disarmament and the topics raised in this resolution with Mexico and other relevant member states, based on the spirit of dialogue and cooperation and with a realistic and pragmatic approach to nuclear disarmament.

Thank you, Mr Chair.

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