

**First Committee of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly: Explanation of Reasons for Submission of the Resolution
“Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction”**

1. Japan, together with Cambodia and Zambia, submitted the draft resolution “Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction”. This draft resolution reaffirms our determination to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines in the world, and recommits ourselves to the implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention or APMBC. I would like to express my gratitude for the active and constructive engagement by many states during the informal consultations in Geneva and New York. Japan urges all states to support this draft resolution.

2. The 22nd Meeting of States Parties of the APMBC will be convened in Geneva, Switzerland, this December. This will be an important opportunity to strengthen the implementation of the APMBC in accordance with the guidance set forth in the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan adopted at last year's Fifth Review Conference. Japan takes this opportunity to call upon all states to redouble their efforts towards achieving a “mine-free world.”

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