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**T**he Second TICAD IV Ministerial Follow-Up Meeting in Arusha, Tanzania takes place against the backdrop of a change of government in Japan in 2009. In his first major foreign policy address to the UN General Assembly in September, 2009, Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama not only reconfirmed his Administration's commitment to "continue and strengthen the TICAD process", but also to "redouble its efforts towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the promotion of human security". There has been no change in Japanese policy, therefore, to exert the utmost efforts to honour the commitments made at TICAD IV in 2008.

Given the challenges which continue to confront the continent, the Second Ministerial Follow-Up Meeting provides the opportunity for a bold manifestation of commitment and support. As the Yokohama Action Plan (YAP) approaches the half-way mark, the Meeting should provide the basis and impetus for yet greater coordination and a yet more focused effort, by all TICAD stakeholders, to intensify their partnership and their support for Africa's own efforts to achieve balanced progress on all four pillars of TICAD IV - namely Boosting Economic Growth, Achieving MDGs, Consolidation of Peace and Good Governance, and Addressing Environmental and Climate Change Issues , while ensuring Human Security.

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