

Ukraine Recovery Conference
Statement by Mr. HAYASHI Yoshimasa,
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Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,
I am Hayashi Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

I would like to express my respect for the efforts made by the governments of the UK and Ukraine and all those involved in organizing this conference. I particularly commend the UK's leadership in organizing this conference.

First of all, I would like to reiterate our sympathy and solidarity with the people of Ukraine following the recent dam collapse at the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant and express my strong concern about its enormous impact. Japan decided to provide 5 million US dollars in emergency humanitarian assistance to those affected by the floods in such areas as food, water, sanitation and health. In addition, we will provide approximately 160 water purifiers, about 530 generators, 30 construction machines and other equipment through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and an international organization. We will also implement emergency humanitarian assistance through NGOs.

Japan, the only country that has ever suffered atomic bombings during wartime, has achieved a miraculous development from the devastation after the war. We have also experienced a series of serious natural disasters, including the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995 and the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. Each time, however, we have achieved remarkable recovery and reconstruction with the support of our friends in the international community. Japan, therefore, has experience and knowledge of recovery and reconstruction gained through overcoming such difficulties.

During the visit to Japan for the G7 Hiroshima Summit, President Zelenskyy stated that he "dreams that the city destroyed by Russia will be rebuilt into a peaceful city like Hiroshima of today". Japan intends to make use of its experience and knowledge it has accumulated in the field of recovery and reconstruction, and to vigorously implement uniquely Japanese form of reconstruction assistance in close contact with the Ukrainian people.

At the G7 Hiroshima Summit, the leaders confirmed the importance of the role of the private sector in the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine, which is one of the main subjects of this conference. As the G7, we issued a joint statement and in which we welcomed the establishment of the Support for Ukraine's Reconstruction and Economy (SURE) Trust Fund in the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), as well as the launch of the Ukraine Investment Platform led by Japan's JBIC. Japan contributed 23 million US dollars to the SURE Trust Fund of the MIGA. As for the Ukrainian Investment Platform, we welcome that signing ceremony for its launch is taking place later today.

I am convinced that, based on the outcomes of the G7 Hiroshima Summit, meaningful discussions will be made at this conference, under the leadership of the UK, on necessary measures to promote the involvement of the private sector, including war risk insurance, with a view to stimulating the insurance market, and the implementation of reforms in Ukraine.

In order to gain further involvement of the private sector, Japan has recently establish the Council on Preparation for Promotion of Ukraine's Economic Reconstruction with the participation of all the relevant ministries and agencies. Furthermore, the Japan-Ukraine Conference for promotion of Economic Reconstruction will be held at an appropriate timing from the end of this year to

the beginning of next year, so that the Japanese public and private sectors can strongly support the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.

Japan has so far announced over 7.6 billion dollars in support, including humanitarian assistance and winterisation assistance to vulnerable people. In the medium and long term recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine, Japan will make use of its strengths and provide assistance mainly in the areas of (i) mine action and debris clearance, (ii) livelihood reconstruction including the development of basic infrastructure such as electricity, (iii) recovery of agricultural production and industrial development, and (iv) strengthening democracy and governance.

Concrete initiatives are already underway. For example, with regard to mine-action, in January this year, Japan conducted training for the personnel of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU) to use mine detection equipment, which Japan is providing, in cooperation with Cambodia, where Japan has long supported mine-action. Japan also organized seminars on awareness-raising activities for local communities regarding mine risks. We will continue to provide mine-related assistance.

In order to give the Ukrainian people hope for a bright future, it is essential not only that the international community shows this strong commitment to the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine, but also that efforts to restore peace to the country should be made.

At the G7 Hiroshima Summit, the leaders reaffirmed that the G7 is more united than ever in strong support for Ukraine in every aspect and in continuing to impose strict sanctions against Russia. It was also confirmed with invited countries outside the G7 that any unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force is

unacceptable anywhere in the world and upholding the free and open international order based on the rule of law is essential. We will continue to work closely in cooperation with the international community to archive a just and lasting peace in Ukraine as soon as possible.

I wish that this recovery conference will be held successfully and that its outcomes will be milestones in the future reconstruction of Ukraine.

Japan always stands with Ukraine.

Thank you very much for listening.

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