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His Excellency, Mr. De Croo, UNDP Administrator,
Her Excellency, Ms. Russell, UNICEF Executive Director,
Mr. Sancho, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim, Permanent Mission of
Costa Rica to the UN,
Mr. Ladiane, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal to
the UN,
Excellencies, Distinguished Guests,

It is an honor to participate in this inaugural Human Security Awards ceremony.

In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on human security. Human security’s focus on individuals is also reflected in the SDGs as the principle of “Leave No One Behind”.

I worked at the United Nations for about six years, from 2016 to 2022. As I stand here today, I’ve been reflecting on those days.

The international community has faced various global challenges, including conflicts, poverty, climate change, disasters, and the spread of infectious diseases such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Against this backdrop, it is encouraging to see the Group of

Friends of Human Security actively carrying out its activities within the United Nations, the cornerstone of today's multilateral system, and widely communicating the significance and validity of human security to the world.

I am delighted that the “Human Security Awards” have been established under the leadership of the Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends. I wholeheartedly welcome today’s recognition of initiatives that have made outstanding contributions to promoting this concept. I look forward to the announcement of the recipients of these prestigious awards later today.

I hope that through this initiative, people’s understanding of the concept of human security will further deepen, and that the expansion of its effective implementation will contribute to safeguarding the dignity of people around the world.

Distinguished Guests,

Japan has worked to co-create solutions to the world’s challenges by collaborating not only with national governments and international organizations, but also with civil society and the business community.

It has steadfastly upheld universal values alongside the

international community, an approach that I refer to as “quiet leadership.” Japan intends to continue to advance its diplomacy and international cooperation, with human security as its cornerstone.

I would like to conclude my remarks by expressing my appreciation and respect for the countries participating in the Group of Friends of Human Security, the United Nations agencies—including those implementing the projects recognized through these awards—and the United Nations Human Security Unit for their ongoing efforts.

Thank you very much.

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