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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Japan whole-heartedly welcomes Yemen's accession to the WTO. Yemen has achieved another success story of LDC accession.

Japan believes that the economic and social development of Yemen contributes not only to better lives of its people, but also to peace and stability of the surrounding region. It is our sincere hope that by acceding to the WTO, Yemen will accelerate its economic growth through expanding trade and investment, bringing peace and stability to the country and, eventually, to the region as a whole.

In addition to our strong support to Yemen's accession to the WTO, Japan has been supporting Yemen's nation building efforts through various assistance programmes, including the development of social and economic infrastructure, humanitarian assistance and the training of its people, including government officials.

Even after the accession to the WTO, we hope that Yemen will continue its reform efforts which have been done throughout the accession process to further promote trade and investment. Japan is ready to play our role to support the efforts of Yemen to attain its development goals.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.