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on the Standardization of Geographical Names,
with regard to the working paper E/CONF.105/131/CRP.131

Thank you Mr. President, I should be brief.

I would like to take into account that this Conference, UNCSGN, is not the place to discuss political issues. So, let me clearly reconfirm that Japan has no intention to politicize the Conference's discussion.

Having said that, we feel obliged to react, just briefly, to the paper E/CONF.105/131/CRP.131 presented by the Republic of Korea, because the paper includes some unacceptable elements for Japan.

More precisely, the name for the sea area bordered mainly by Japan, Russia and the eastern coast of the Korean Peninsula is "Sea of Japan". "Sea of Japan" is the sole internationally established name for that sea area.

Japan can absolutely not accept the incorrect references made in the paper which are incompatible with the historical facts.

Thank you very much.