

Speech by State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan,

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Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to make remarks at this important meeting.

Ending three epidemics by 2030 and bringing about successful transition of implementing countries are responsibility not only of the Global Fund but also of the entire global community. Under the current circumstances, achieving these goals has become increasingly necessary, and we need to ask the Global Fund for more efficient operation. At the same time, because of the financial gap, we need to fill the gap not only by traditional methods but also by innovative methods through accelerating private sector involvement.

This year, Japan has built momentum for the success of this replenishment through hosting G20 Osaka Summit, the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) and other meetings contributing to Universal Health Coverage. Japan is the first G20 country to make a pledge for this replenishment, and is now achieving the success of the sixth replenishment.

First is resilient and sustainable health systems. Many people still do not have access to health services and are pushed into poverty. This can only be solved by building strong health systems. Global Fund has become the largest health system funder in most countries. Therefore, the Global Fund should be strategic in undertaking this role.

Second, domestic financing is crucial. Without setting a sustainable health financing system in place, any fight will be in vain. Global fund has applied an innovative method of co-financing requirement under the principle of country ownership. This is a key to sustainability and successful transition and should be strengthened in the coming three years.

Third is further collaboration with the private sector. The private sector is important to scale up service coverages and develop innovative solutions. Takeda Pharmaceutical has made a financial commitment to the Sixth Replenishment, and several other Japanese companies have contributed to this fight through their innovative technologies.

With these challenges in front of us, Japan will pledge eight hundreds and forty million dollars. I hope this conference will mark a pivotal point in progress towards ending

epidemics of three diseases. Thank you very much for your attention.