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Honorable Chairperson, Distinguished Delegates,

We face multiple crises and increasing fragmentation. The United Nations must transform to address these changes and to contribute to international peace and security. On this 80th anniversary of the UN, Japan welcomes the progress in reforms initiated by the UN itself.

Central to these reforms is a return to our fundamental principles. That is, we work together to maintain international peace and security, protect human life and dignity, and promote economic and social development. Indeed, Japan's support for human security contributes to the SDGs' vision of "leaving no one behind." Furthermore, overcoming setbacks to achieve the SDGs requires "everyone's contribution" for a sustainable future.

Honorable Chairperson,

Japan's VNR focuses on difficult challenges, such as a declining birthrate and an aging population, regional revitalization, and disaster risk reduction. It also highlights Japan's initiatives and achievements in addressing global issues.

Japan hosts the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai. The 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development, or TICAD-9, will be held in Yokohama in August. Through these opportunities, Japan will learn from and share experiences with all of you, in order to promote value co-creation with the international community.

Honorable Chairperson,

To overcome today's conflicts and division, Japan steadfastly commits to the multilateral system. As a partner in support of a better future and a better United Nations, we look forward to working together with you all. Furthermore, under the concept of human security, Japan will continue to actively contribute to international discussions on sustainable development by 2030 and beyond.

Thank you.