



**Statement by H.E. Mr. UEMURA Tsukasa
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Thank you, Mr./Madam Chair/President.

We extend our sincere gratitude to France and Saudi Arabia for their leadership in convening this high-level conference.

In collaboration with Norway, our trusted partner and co-chair of the working group, we have engaged in vital discussions on practical measures to enhance the economic viability of the Palestinian State, as part of our collective efforts toward a two-state solution.

Mr./Madam Chair/President,

The people of Gaza are enduring a grave humanitarian crisis marked by hunger and malnutrition.

The conflict, now spanning a total of 21 months, has caused significant loss of lives, including innocent civilians and aid workers, such as staff from UNRWA. This is a profound tragedy.

Humanitarian aid must never be contingent on political or military considerations. It is imperative that the UN and humanitarian agencies can operate independently and impartially. In this regard, we reaffirm that UNRWA continues to play an indispensable role in supporting Palestine refugees across the region.

Mr./Madam Chair/President,

Japan reiterates our urgent call for Hamas to immediately and unconditionally release all remaining hostages. In the meantime, Japan firmly opposes any action that undermines the realization of a two-state solution, including the potential reoccupation of Gaza and the expansion of settlement activities in the West Bank.

It is critical that all parties seize the momentum generated by this conference, renounce military solutions, and work earnestly toward the resumption of the Gaza ceasefire and the broader peace process.

Mr./Madam Chair/President, (I will now speak in Arabic.)

Japan fully acknowledges the aspirations of the Palestinian people to establish an independent state and remains steadfast in supporting their efforts.

Japan has consistently backed a two-state solution and, during its tenure on the Security Council last year, voted in favor of the resolution supporting Palestine's application for UN membership.

Taking into account the outcomes of this high-level conference and with a view toward fostering peace, we will continue a comprehensive assessment of the issue of recognizing Palestinian statehood, including the appropriate timing.

Thank you, **Mr./Madam Chair/President.**

(Arabic)

وتعترف اليابان تماماً بالطموحات المشروعة للشعب الفلسطيني في إقامة دولة مستقلة وتظل ثابتة في دعم جهوده بكل الوسائل المتاحة

وفي هذا السياق، دأبت اليابان على دعم حل الدولتين، وصوتت خلال عضويتها في مجلس الأمن العام الماضي لصالح القرار الداعم لطلب فلسطين الانضمام إلى عضوية الأمم المتحدة

وأخذاً في الاعتبار بنتائج هذا المؤتمر الرفيع المستوى ومن منطلق تعزيز السلام، سنواصل إجراء تقييم شامل لمسألة الاعتراف بدولة فلسطين، بما في ذلك التوقيت المناسب لذلك

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