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I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all those involved in convening the 22nd Meeting of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

Even today, the devastating damage caused by anti-personnel mines continues to be felt around the world.

Moreover, amid the severe international environment, the Convention is also facing unprecedented challenges.

Against this backdrop, we extend our heartfelt welcome to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Kingdom of Tonga as new States Parties to the Convention.

Japan, as this year's President, seeks to make this Meeting an opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment to the Convention.

Let us engage in frank discussions to translate the "Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan," adopted last year, into concrete outcomes.

We hope that fruitful discussions at this meeting will contribute to further promoting the implementation of the Convention.

In October this year, I hosted the Ukraine Mine Action Conference.

Going forward, Japan seeks to continue to work in close cooperation with other countries, to lead efforts to develop the Convention and promote international mine action.

Let us continue to move steadily toward the realization of a "mine-free world."
Thank you for your attention.

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