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I am MOTEGI Toshimitsu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

As Russia’s aggression against Ukraine continues to cast a grave shadow over global food security, I would like to express my renewed and deepest respect for the tireless efforts of the Government of Ukraine to safeguard global food security under the "Food from Ukraine" initiative, launched by President Zelenskyy.

To secure global food security, as well as peace and stability, the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine—an agricultural powerhouse—is absolutely indispensable. Even today, Russia’s intensified attacks on port infrastructure and civilian vessels navigating the Black Sea have caused a significant decline in grain exports from Ukraine.

The G7 stands united strongly condemning these attacks on civilian shipping in the Black Sea region and remains firmly committed to defending food supply chains. Aligned with this shared commitment, Japan will steadfastly continue its cooperation.

With this in mind, I have held successive discussions with Foreign Minister Mr. Sybiha. Furthermore, just last month, a Japanese public-private joint mission in the field of food and agriculture was dispatched to Ukraine, where they engaged in productive discussions on future cooperation with Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mr. Vysotskyi and other key stakeholders.

In addition, ensuring safe and reliable passage for grain exports from ports along the Black Sea is indispensable. Japan has been actively supporting the preservation of export grains by providing storage facilities through the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), while also assisting in the export and distribution of grain through the World Food Programme (WFP).

Japan’s policy of standing firmly with Ukraine and providing robust support remains unwavering.

To realize a just and lasting peace in Ukraine as early as possible, to back Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction—including in the food and agricultural sectors—and to secure safe and reliable transit for its grain exports, Japan will continue to work in close coordination with the international community and make proactive contributions.

Thank you very much.