

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF JAPAN

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Japan strongly condemns the sham referenda held in Russian-controlled areas of Ukraine, which infringes upon Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and breach of international law.

Such referenda must not be allowed. Any such attempts are invalid and go against the rule of law in the international community.

Japan will not tolerate any attempt to unilaterally change the status quo by force or coercion, and will continue to work firmly on the two pillars of strong sanctions against Russia and support for Ukraine, in cooperation with the international community, including the G7 and the OSCE.

In particular, in the G7 Leaders' Statement of September 23, the G7 concurred that they would never recognize these referenda and stand ready to impose further economic costs on Russia.

Further, Japan implemented a new export ban on items related to chemical and biological on September 26.

Japan will continue to closely monitor developments and take firm action against Russia, including the imposition of additional sanctions.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Please attach my statement to the journal of the day.