

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF JAPAN  
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We would like to thank Lithuania for sharing with us the important outcome of NATO summit held in Vilnius on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Building on Lithuania's presentation, let me also touch upon Japan's role as G7 presidency on this occasion.

As you are aware, on behalf of Japan, Prime Minister Kishida attended the NATO Summit in Vilnius and participated in the NATO Partner Session together with other partner countries. We had meaningful discussions, on future cooperation with NATO and other partners in light of Russia's aggression against Ukraine and the increasingly severe security situation in the Indo-Pacific region.

As a proof of tangible contribution by the G7 to the NATO Summit and the global security at large, G7 leaders issued a Joint Declaration on support for Ukraine and Prime Minister Kishida attended the ceremony to issue the Joint Declaration on July 12th. The declaration was, indeed, a confirmation of unity on long-term support for Ukraine, not only during Ukraine's campaign against the war of aggression by Russia, providing an additional instrument to ensure Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as to deter of any future aggression against Ukraine.

Mr. Chair,

Japan remains committed to continuing its support to Ukraine through the bilateral assistance as well as to exercise Japan's leadership on the remaining G7 Presidency building on the outcomes of the G7 Hiroshima Summit.