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**STATEMENT BY Delegation of Japan
On “An update for the work of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-
operation Group”
Permanent Council, OSCE
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Thank you, Madam Chair.

First of all, I would like to thank the Chair of the Asian Partners for Co-operation, North Macedonia, for raising this important issue at today's Permanent Council. Under the strong leadership of the Chair of the Asian Partners for Co-operation, the activities of the OSCE Asian Partners have become more visible and the relationship between the OSCE and the OSCE Asian Partners has been strengthened through consistent and comprehensive discussions on the key issues identified by the Asian Partners.

As introduced by the Chair of the Asian Partners for Co-operation, preparations are under way for the OSCE Asian Conference to be held in Vienna on 15 and 16 October. The topics to be covered are still being worked out, but we plan to have a balanced discussion of all three dimensions, including Women, Peace and Security (WPS), building on the discussions at the Asian Partners Group Meeting in May, as well as climate security and the rule of law. Japan is working towards sending a high-level delegation to Vienna, and we look forward to active, high-level participation from OSCE participating States, including permanent representatives.

I thank you.