

STATEMENT BY the delegation of Japan,
“Ukraine Mine Action Conference (UMAC) 2025”
at the 1119th Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation,
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Thank you, Madam Chair.

Japan remains gravely concerned by the tragic loss of life and the suffering caused by attacks on innocent civilians, civilian and critical infrastructure. It is of the utmost importance to achieve two goals: an early ceasefire and the realization of a just and lasting peace in Ukraine. From this perspective, it is truly regrettable that Russia continues to engage in actions contrary to peace.

Madam Chair,

The Ukraine Mine Action Conference (UMAC) was held in Tokyo from October 22 to 23, bringing together the approx. 600 participants including the representatives from 75 country's governments and international organizations — and honored by the participation of Ms. Kate FEARON, Deputy Head of the OSCE Secretariat — to discuss the severe impact of mine contamination in Ukraine and measures to address this issue. Recognizing the extensive explosive contamination and serious humanitarian damage caused by the war with Russia, the conference welcomed progress in mine action efforts in Ukraine.

The conference emphasized the development of Ukraine's independent mine action capabilities, the utilization of innovative technologies, and the importance of international cooperation.

In particular, it was decided to strengthen three key areas:

- human resource development,
- technological innovation, and
- development assistance.

Specifically, the conference called for the training of experts, the promotion of

participation by diverse social groups, the introduction of innovative technologies, and the deepening of international collaboration.

Additionally, a "nexus" approach was proposed, integrating mine action with reconstruction projects such as agriculture, highlighting the necessity for long-term and sustainable funding.

Madam Chair,

We look forward to Ukraine Mine Action Conference 2026 to be hosted by the EU. We urge all partners—governments, international organizations, private sector actors, and civil society—to collaborate in a spirit of solidarity and innovation to accelerate progress toward the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine and other mine-affected countries.

Madam Chair,

As stated by Foreign Minister Motegi at this conference in Tokyo, Japan is committed to doing everything possible to support efforts to ensure that all people in Ukraine can live free from the threat of mines in fair and lasting peace.

I thank you.