

Statement of Japan
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Let me start by thanking Ms. Turcan for her comprehensive report to the Permanent Council.

Mr. Chair,

Central Asia serves as a crossroad between Europe and Asia; accordingly, the stability and development of Central Asia are important to our country. Japan has long supported Central Asia through the OSCE and appreciates the OSCE's activities that contribute to the stability and development of Central Asia, including Tajikistan.

In December 2025, Japan hosted the first Summit of “Central Asia plus Japan Dialogue” (CA+JAD) (“kajad”). Japan established the CA+JAD framework in 2004—ahead of other nations—based on the view that regional cooperation is essential to address common challenges and foster the stability and development of Central Asia, with the aim of promoting such cooperation. At the summit, the leaders announced the launch of the “CA+JAD Tokyo Initiative” to support the industrial upgrading and diversification of the five Central Asian countries and strengthen the mutually beneficial relations between Japan and Central Asia. The six countries specifically announced initiatives in three priority areas of cooperation that were newly identified for this initiative: (a) Green and Resilience, (b) Connectivity, and (c) Human Resource Development.

In addition to these initiatives, we particularly value OSCE projects that contribute to connectivity and capacity building across Central Asia—such as the OSCE Border Management Staff College (BMSC) and the OSCE Academy—and are providing ongoing support for them.

Regarding the BMSC, which was covered in today's report, we highly commend the fact that, under the strong leadership of the BMSC Director, the BMSC is conducting in-person training sessions and webinars for OSCE participating States—primarily in Central Asia—as well as Partners for Co-operation, including Japan. In addition to sending trainees to these programmes, Japan has been keen in contributing to the organization, through funding and sending instructors to College courses. We value the fact that these BMSC courses and programmes benefit not only Central Asia but also the OSCE region and beyond.

Mr. Chair,

Japan will continue to support Ms. Turcan and her able team in carrying out their mandate during the upcoming period and will work closely with the international community to promote peace, stability, and development in the region.

I thank you.