

Statement of Japan
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Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to echo the majority voices in this room. We are very disappointed with the lack of the progress on this issue. Japan is very concerned that there are still 19 outstanding issues which remain unsolved despite a lot of efforts by Technical Secretariat. Once again, Japan would like to call upon Syria to take responsibility by cooperating fully with the Technical Secretariat.

Japan reaffirms its unwavering support for all the efforts by the Technical Secretariat, especially the IIT, and commends their professionalism and impartiality. Japan believes that the IIT has a firm legal and legitimate basis. It was established according to the proper rule through the process of the OPCW. Japan will not accept any idea or any argument which undermines the legitimacy and credibility of the IIT.

I kindly request this statement be made an official document of the 107 session of the Executive Council, and be published on the external server as well as on the public website.

Thank you