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**Subitem 6(b): Implementation of the Conference of the  
States Parties and Executive Council decisions on  
Destruction-Related Issues**  
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Mr. Chairperson,

Completing destruction of the Japanese weapons abandoned in China is an obligation that falls on Japan and a historical, political and legal responsibility that Japan must fulfil. We are concerned that Japan has not done what is required of it, and we urge it to intensify its efforts and abide by the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the decisions issued by the Policy-Making Organs of the Organization, and what has been agreed upon with the Chinese government.

At the same time, we applaud the efforts made by China and the very great assistance and facilitations it is providing to the Japanese teams working in China to complete this dangerous file. We also appreciate China's wise handling of this dangerous file, which causes many serious risks to lives and the environment in several areas in Chinese territory.

Finally, we support what was stated in the professional and objective document no. EC-107/NAT.2 dated 19 September 2024, submitted by the People's Republic of China to the Technical

Secretariat and the States Parties on the progress made in completing the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in Chinese territory.

**Thank you and I hope that this statement will be considered a document of the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council and published on the Organization's public website and Catalyst.**