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ON THE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the chairman of the Sixth Committee, and assure you that we will extend our full support to you during this session under your chairmanship. I also congratulate the other members of the Bureau.

Terrorism targets innocent civilians and poses a threat to peace, democracy and freedom. Japan joins other delegations in condemning terrorism

The United Nations has a pivotal role in coordinating efforts by Member States for combating and preventing terrorism. In that regard, Japan recognizes the necessity of appointing U.N. Counterterrorism Coordinators, as long as the establishment of such a post would help the U.N. counterterrorism measures to be more efficient, coherent and integrated. We also attach importance to establishing a legal basis for international efforts to fight against terrorism and are committed to a successful conclusion of the negotiation process for a comprehensive convention on international terrorism at the U.N., while believing that a high-level conference regarding the convention should come together with its adoption.

Even outside the U.N. framework, Japan is making efforts to strengthen international counterterrorism measures. Japan has decided to provide additional assistance of approximately \$16 million to support improving the counterterrorism capacity of countries.