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Statement by H.E. Mr. Shigeki Sumi
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Mr. Chair,

I would like to join the other delegations in congratulating you and the Secretariat on the excellent preparations for the SIDS Day.

Japan, being an island country, recognizes the special needs and vulnerabilities of SIDS, amplified in the recent years by the negative impacts of climate change.

For many years, Japan has been engaged in

The impacts of climate change could pose threats to the human security in SIDS. There is an urgent need to move forward with the negotiations under UNFCCC. Japan looks forward to strengthening its cooperative relationship with SIDS towards an international legally-binding agreement on a fair and effective framework. To this end, Copenhagen Accord was an important step, and broadest possible support to the Accord is necessary to accelerate the negotiation process.

The Government of Japan will provide under the “Hatoyama Initiative” approximately US\$ 15 billion including public and privat