

Mr. President,

It is with great pleasure as well as the sense of relief that my delegation joins today the consensus on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

I would like to thank Ambassador Talbot and Ambassador Pederson for their tireless effort to bring together different positions during the negotiations in New York. I would also like to express Japan's deep appreciation to you, Mr. President and also to Their Excellencies, Mr. Tedros, Foreign Minister of Ethiopia the chair of the main committee, Mr. Sufian, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ambassador Berhane and Ambassador Tekeda, for the strong leadership of the Ethiopian Government that we have witnessed in Addis.

My delegation has been engaged constructively in the FfD negotiations. The text that we just adopted is the result of the compromise made by all parties during almost 6 months' intensive discussions