Mr. Chairman,

I would like to explain Japan’s position concerning the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/65/L.50, entitled “Follow-up to the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons”. We appreciate Malaysia’s sincere efforts and commitment to the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament as reflected in the draft resolution.

Japan also supports the unanimous opinion of the ICJ on the existing obligations under international law to pursue nuclear disarmament and to conclude negotiations on this matter in good faith. For that, however, we must take further practical steps and effective measures towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons with the involvement of the nuclear-weapon States.

The approach towards the total elimination described in L.50 seems to be different from this. That is the reason for Japan’s abstention on this draft resolution.

Thank you.