Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to stress that the Delegation of Japan is very much pleased to see you continue to chair our deliberations. I am confident that your able chairmanship will lead this final preparatory process to a successful conclusion. We hope you will continue your leading role at the Diplomatic Conference in July as well. Let me assure you of my delegation’s full support and cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

Based upon our fruitful discussion since yesterday, let me pick up a few points about our ideas on the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference.

The first point is concerning the involvement of the NGOS at the Conference. As many delegations have already pointed out, we also highly appreciate the important role in the ATT process that civil society has been undertaking. We, therefore, support their continued participation in the Conference.

The second point is concerning decision-making process. We fully support Chair’s approach in the current text, which, in our view, is consistent with both the UNGA resolution 64/48 and the UN rules. While all participants of the negotiations should support the final text of the treaty to ensure its effectiveness and universality, it is important to maintain smooth and efficient process during the Conference, especially when discussing procedural matters.

Mr. Chairman,

Finally, Japan would like to reaffirm its continuous and constructive engagement in our discussion to find out agreeable conclusion.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.