Mr. Chairman,

As some of our distinguished delegates has mentioned during this meeting and at the side events, Japan totally agrees with idea of the necessity of capacity building in developing countries. Therefore we put great importance on international cooperation under Article 10 and have been carrying out numbers of projects in developing countries regarding public health. It takes time and resources but we believe this steady approach fulfill the real meaning of Article 10.

In the working paper on Intercessional Process (ISP) jointly proposed by Australia and Japan, we proposed to create a working group on international cooperation (Article 10),

Japan also proposed to strengthen collaboration with international organizations; this effort could include activities related to Article 10 as well as Article 7.

As for the mobile medical unit proposed by the Russian Federation, it is difficult for Japan to support because of resource constraints. We believe that using existing mechanisms and frameworks would be more practical and effective.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.