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- Since we already presented in detail about Japan's mine assistance policy in detail at this year's Standing Committee, I will endeavor to be brief in order to avoid duplication. Since we organized a side event on South-South cooperation at the 11MSP, it may be well known that we are a great supporter of South-South cooperation.
- In this context, we commend Ecuador and Peru's great efforts for cooperation on mine clearance enhancing mutual trust. Their cooperation is indeed a model case and we hope that such cooperation will spread in other parts of the world, especially affected countries that have landmines emplaced along their borders.
- We are also inspired by efforts for regional cooperation especially in South Eastern Europe, which was presented excellently by Slovenia at the side event earlier this week. We view that such good efforts on regional cooperation will be a model for other regions.
- With regard to Japan's most recent efforts in assisting south-south and triangular cooperation, it is our pleasure that we have come to an agreement with Angola and Cambodia to begin a multi-year project of south-south cooperation between the two countries. We hope that this new multi-year project will help strengthen the clearance capacity for Angola and lead to achieving their clearance goals and accelerate the implementation of obligations under Article 5.