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Mr. President.

Japan is one of the largest contributors to the Convention among the States Parties, and we are seriously concerned about the existence of countries that have not paid their assessed contributions to the Convention. We consider this to be a financial problem that could seriously impede the smooth implementation of the Convention.

Recognizing that it is essential to establish a sound financial basis for the implementation of the Convention, we would like to reiterate the importance of timely fulfillment of the obligations of each country to pay their assessed contributions. We continue to request that UNODA include in the dues invoice the amount of each country's dues and the percentage of each country's dues. And we also request that UNODA continue to remind countries in arrears of the importance of timely fulfillment of their dues payment obligations.

Lastly Japan appreciates the work of the ISU in implementing the Convention and, as usual, has contributed to the ISU Work Plan for 2023. We continue to call for efficient budget execution by the ISU.

Thank you Mr. President