

2015 APMBC Inter-Sessional Meeting(ISM)  
Statement by JAPAN

**Agenda 5 Administrative and financial issues:**  
**b. State of play of ongoing consultations and discussion**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Let us first express our gratitude to Australia, Chile and Mozambique for the preparation of the concept note of the financial situation of the ISU.

Japan, like other States Parties, shares the views that the role of the ISU is quite important. With this in mind, Japan has decided to make a financial contribution for the ISU in the 2015 fiscal year budget, and we are at an internal process of disbursing about 87500 Swiss Franc.

According to the Concept paper, of the 162 States Parties of the Convention, 19 have committed to funding the ISU' 2015 work plan. Bearing in mind this situation, Japan would like to urge all States Parties in a position to do so to improve the financial situation of the ISU by making financial contribution to the ISU. At the same time, we should also make every effort to use limited resources available efficiently by giving ISU activities priority as proposed at an informal meeting in April.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.