

Intervention by Japan (Amb. Inoguchi) in the closing session, morning of September 20, 2002.

Thank you Mr. President

I would like to thank you and congratulate you, Mr. President, for your splendid leadership in guiding the 4th Meeting of State Parties to a great success. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere support for the Government of Thailand which will host the next Meeting of States Parties. On behalf of my government, I would like to state that it is a great honor for Japan to be appointed as a Co-Rapporteur for the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Awareness and Mine Action Technologies. Japan has been actively engaged in these areas, and I believe that such experiences will be useful in fulfilling its function, as just assigned. My country will cooperate with both Co-Chairs, Belgium and Kenya, as well as the partner Co-Rapporteur, Cambodia. I pledge that my government will do its very best to fulfill its function as a Co-Rapporteur.

Thank you.