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Address – First Plenary

Esteemed delegates, the nation of Japan thanks you for us to attend this conference on Iran's nuclear program. This past august saw the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The nation of Japan does not believe the world will be a safe place until we can be free of nuclear fear. Our experience with the horror of nuclear war and our participation in negotiations with North Korea shows that we bring a unique insight to the issue of nuclear weapons. To that end I believe that for the last 60 years we have shown how a nation can benefit from the



peaceful use of nuclear technology.

Furthermore we have had friendly relations with Iran for many years and we hope to continue our cooperation and work together to make the region and the world safer for all nations.

For long we have been a pacific nation, our constitution prohibits our acquiring offensive capabilities. Much like the Ryukyan Kingdom before they chose to become part of Japan we see Japan's power not dependant on the vagaries of military hardware or the number of warheads. We see our strength in our key economic position in



the world. Our nation through our economic strength has been able to secure an important position in the world. We hope at this conference to reaffirm our position as a leading nation in the world.

We hope that other nations will see our shining example and follow in our lead. We hope that nations will recognize their treaty obligations and continue to abide by the letter and spirit of these. We hope to inspire fruitful and productive dialog in the coming hours and days.

