

Mr. President,

It is with great pleasure as well as the sense of relief that my delegation joins today the consensus on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

I would like to thank Ambassador Talbot and Ambassador Pederson for their tireless effort to bring together different positions during the negotiations in New York. I would also like to express Japan's deep appreciation to you, Mr. President and also to Their Excellencies, Mr. Tedros, Foreign Minister of Ethiopia the chair of the main committee, Mr. Sufian, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ambassador Berhane and Ambassador Tekeda, for the strong leadership of the Ethiopian Government that we have witnessed in Addis.

My delegation has been engaged constructively in the FfD negotiations. The text that we just adopted is the result of the compromise made by all parties during almost 6 months' intensive discussions. There are some specific points we are not comfortable with but overall, my delegation believes we have a good balanced text.

In Japan's view, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda contains important positive elements that build on and add value to the past two FfD outcomes.

- First, it provides a renewed policy framework for resource mobilization and its effective use, taking into account the distinct features of the sustainable development goals, including good institutions and governance.
- Second, it highlights the importance of the global partnership in which all countries and stakeholders participate, taking into account the changes in the international landscape, both political and economic, in the last 15 years.
- Thirdly, regarding the concrete deliverables, we have agreed on a number of good action-oriented outcomes, including means to develop quality infrastructure that Japan has been insisting throughout the negotiations.

In short, we have succeed to incorporate most of the relevant principles, good policies and measures that have been proposed by countries and different groups of countries in an inclusive manner.

By groups of countries, I do not mean developing and developed groups. I mean LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs, different regional and sub-regional entities, G7, G20, old OECD members and new OECD members that have joined the organization in the past 20 years and shifted from recipient to donor of ODA. The world has become so diverse. The different levels of development of UN member states have become seamless and the North-South divide has become virtual. The negotiations of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda have rightly reflected the diversity of today's real world.

To conclude, I wish to express the sincere hope of my delegation that the same sense of diversity and the universality of the development agenda will prevail in the upcoming discussions towards agreeing the post 2015 development agenda.

Thank you very much.