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Madam Chair,

Thank you, Madam Chair, for the timely convening of today's Special Meeting of the Permanent Council, and we also appreciate Ukraine's request.

Madam Chair,

I am deeply depressed and saddened by the media coverage on a barrage of Russian missiles across Ukraine having caused serious damage and many death and casualties, including at a pediatric hospital in Kyiv where many innocent children are hospitalized. Japan condemns Russia's attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure across Ukraine in the strongest terms. We express our deepest condolences to those who lost their loved ones and hope for the speedy recovery of the injured. In particular, we

sincerely wish all the children in need of immediate care a prompt recovery, including their mental state.

Madam Chair,

The record of Russia's heinous acts since the beginning of its aggression has yet again grown immensely. Russia's numerous attacks against civilians as well as civilian infrastructure in violation of international law, in particular international humanitarian law, resulting in countless deaths, casualties and injuries as well as damages to facilities are unbearable and must be accounted for accordingly.

Japan, once again, urges Russia to cease its aggression and immediately and unconditionally withdraw from the internationally recognized territory of Ukraine. We continue to stand with the people of Ukraine.

I thank you.