

Statement at CSD13 by Japan about Strengthening the monitoring and evaluation of water and sanitation services on 13th April 2005

Thank you Chairman. I have two points to highlight on the subject as it possible policy actions.

The first point is to call to United Nation Secretary General that his Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation would play further active role as it mentioned in the report recently submitted by the Task Force for Millennium Project by monitoring the current situation and providing high-level policy commentary on progress toward the target, and advising on strategic direction, identifying critical obstacle to progress and making recommendation overcoming them to developing countries, donor countries, to UN system and to all stakeholders.

Although the Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation is beyond the intergovernmental framework, it is a high-level advisory body on water and sanitation within UN system. Its activities should be considerable and it should be included in the possible policy options of CSD13.

The second point is Portfolio of Water Actions (PWA) and its website network. It was one of the key outcomes of the Ministerial Conference in the 3rd World Water Forum. PWA website network was established and managed to follow up the progress of self-actions by the committed countries and organizations. Japan is now managing this system, because Japan was the host country of the 3rd World Water Forum. And we believe that the PWA website with 525 case studies from all over the world would be a strong monitoring system and promote concrete water actions. We'd like to strongly recommend the utilization of the network continuously and to be included in the policy options. And we will have a side event to appeal the importance of PWA at the lunch time of 19th.

Thank you.