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Expected outcomes and next steps in the preparatory process

Mr. Co-Chair,

Adoption of the outcome document of Rio+20 next year should represent our strong desire to achieve sustainable development and the spirit of partnership to work together toward this goal. My delegation would like to express Japan's willingness to actively engage in the process of producing such an outcome document, which would be another milestone in our joint effort toward sustainable development.

Mr. Co-Chair,

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 64/236, Rio+20 is going to result in a "focused political" document and Japan believes that the outcome document should be a concise political declaration focusing on the two themes. With regard to the first theme of a green economy in the context on sustainable development and poverty eradication, the outcome document should express the determination of the international community to make the transition to a green economy. The document should also include a set of guidance on how individual countries can promote green economy policies. For the second theme regarding institutional framework on sustainable development, the outcome document should contain concrete proposals to improve institutional framework.

Mr. Co-Chair,

Needless to say, the success of the Rio+20 Conference depends on our preparatory work. Japan welcomes various initiatives which aim to contribute to the preparatory

process of Rio+20. We hope that those initiatives help us to come to a common understanding on a green economy, including its benefits, risks and challenges, and agree to concrete proposals to improve the institutional framework on sustainable development. To promote such an effort, Japan has made a pledge of approximately USD 90,000 to support the participation of developing countries in the preparatory process, including regional meetings. Japan sincerely hopes that our joint endeavor this year leads to constructive negotiations on the outcome document next year.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair.