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Mr. Co-facilitator,

Since I already presented Japan's views on goals and targets yesterday, I will concentrate on the declaration.

Japan believes strongly that a good substantive declaration is needed to set the political context of the new development agenda for the next 15 years.

The chapeau of the OWG report, drafted on the basis of the agreed language from the Rio+20 outcome, has no political caliber comparable to the Millennium Declaration or the 2005 World Summit Outcome adopted on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the United Nations.

In Japan's view, the declaration should not be a simple introductory sentences to the goals and targets for the following reasons:

- Firstly, it should reflect the wide breadth of the sustainable development goals, ranging from the remaining challenges of the MDGs to the environmental sustainability, peaceful societies and violence, rule of law, global governance and other new targets.
- Secondly, the declaration should have the contents commensurate with a document to be adopted by the heads of states and governments on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations.

Therefore, while keeping the poverty eradication as its center pillar, the declaration should refer to a wider sustainable development issues and touch upon various challenges faced by the international community and the needed actions by and within the UN system to address them.

Thank you very much.