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Statement by H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima
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At the Plenary of the General Assembly
On Agenda Items:
117: Question of equitable representation on the increase in the membership
of the Security Council and related matters
and
120: Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

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"The Security Council adopted on 19 July 2006, a Note by the President concerning the improvement of the working methods of the Council. The Note is the product of intensive work on the part of the Security Council's Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions over the past several months. Members of the Council have been actively engaged in these efforts to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the Council's work as well as its interaction and dialogue with non-Council members, as part of the follow-up to the Outcome Document of the 2005 World Summit. Members of the Council have committed themselves to implementing the measures set out in the Note. The members of the Security Council will continue to consider ways to improve the working methods of the Council through the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions".