H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General,

H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd UN General Assembly, Co-facilitators, Excellencies,

At the outset, please allow me to express my gratitude to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Co-facilitators, Kingdom of Morocco, the host of this conference, and all the states taking initiative for this conference.

Japan welcomes that the United Nations has tackled migration issues and committed to work through adoption of the Global Compact for Migration as the first international framework of its kind. We believe the compact demonstrates our will to foster the solidarity of international community which is essential to promote safe, orderly and regular migration.

We have to work on various issues such as addressing the root causes of forced displacement, saving lives of migrants and managing our national borders. In doing so, Japan will provide, together with emergency assistance, mid- to long-term cooperation as we cherish the concept of Human Security and wish to enhance humanitarian, development and peace nexus.

Japan will work closely with the international community and will continue supporting the countries of Asia, Middle East, Africa, Latin America and other parts of the world to tackle the migration issues together.