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Mr. Chair,

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Chandru Ramanathan, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, for presenting the Secretary-General's reports on Special Political Missions, as well as Mr. Abdallah Bachar Bong, Chair of the ACABQ, for introducing the Advisory Committee's reports.

Mr. Chair,

Let me take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the efforts and achievements of the personnel of the Special Political Missions struggling with difficult tasks in challenging environments, especially under the COVID-19 pandemic.

Japan greatly values Special Political Missions and will continue to support them. SPMs have played and will continue to play a critical role in sustaining peace and stability by preventing, managing, and resolving conflicts.

Mr. Chair,

Financial support is an essential element of the success of Special Political Missions. We, all the Member States, have a responsibility to ensure necessary resources for SPMs so that they can function not only in the short term, but also in the longer term, in accordance with their respective mandates. That is why funding must be effective and efficient. In this regard, my delegation notes with concern the high number of vacant posts and positions in several missions. We will carefully examine the background and circumstances of each vacancy in order to ensure that our limited resources are allocated appropriately and efficiently.

Mr. Chair,

My delegation believes that our common goal is to ensure a budget for SPMs in order to make them sustainable, efficient, and effective. We should tap into our collective wisdom to achieve this goal.

In closing, I would like to express our commitment to engaging positively and constructively in the upcoming discussion on this important agenda item.

Thank you.