

Japan's comment on the creation of the mandates

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We would like to submit the three comments as highlighted in the second page of the annex and below. In order to explain the context, we also submit the statement made during the consultation.

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Japan

PERMANENT MISSION OF JAPAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS



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At the consultations on “Mandate Creation” under UN80

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Mme. and Mr. co-chairs,

In the UN, we have seen an increased number of mandates over the years, often created without sufficient consideration for overlap with existing mandates or their financial implications. This unchecked expansion has contributed to significant duplications and budget growth, which are ultimately unsustainable.

There are two ways to address this issue.

First, when establishing new mandates, we must ensure there is no duplication with existing ones.

Second, we should consider budgetary implication including setting a budgetary ceiling to introduce financial discipline.

In this regard, Japan proposes three key actions:

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We believe that these steps will strengthen the UN's ability to deliver its mandate more effectively and sustainably.

I thank you,