

**Dialogue between Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, and Heads of Delegation of the
Permanent Observer Countries to the OAS on the theme of the XLI Regular Session of the
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On behalf of the Government of Japan, Permanent Observer of OAS, I would like to thank the OAS member states and the Secretariat for this opportunity to share our views with distinguished delegates.

Firstly, I deeply appreciate the solidarity and strong support we have received from all over the world since Japan was hit by unprecedented earthquake and Tsunami since March 11th. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the various assistance extended by many countries to control the situation at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant at the earliest possible time. The situation is steadily stabilizing with mobilization of all wisdom and technology of the world. We continue to make utmost efforts towards the complete control of the situation. The Government of Japan will also redouble its efforts to share information promptly and properly with maximum transparency on the accident.

Japan has established a traditionally friendly relationship with Latin America and the Caribbean. Our country has been developing diplomatic relationship with those countries by pursuing three main principles such as promoting economic relationship, strengthening joint engagement in addressing global issues, and supporting their efforts for stable development in the region.

Last year, Japan hosted the Foreign Minister's Meeting of FEALAC in January and also the Japan-CARICOM Ministerial-Level Conference inviting foreign Ministers of Caribbean countries to Japan in September. Last year, our relationship with Latin America and the Caribbean enhanced tremendously through high level visits from almost all countries of this region.

Our diplomatic policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean coincides with OAS purposes such as maintaining and strengthening peace and security, consolidating representative democracy, and promoting economic, social and cultural development in the Americas. We believe that we can cooperate with OAS in various areas. For example, last November, Japan dispatched an election observer mission for the presidential election in Haiti and provided necessary equipments. We, in coordination with OAS, contributed to the smooth implementation of the election.

We highly value the recent efforts and initiatives of OAS in pursuit of stabilizing the Honduran situation and resolving a border issue between Costa Rica and Nicaragua in the San Juan River.

Finally, we respect that OAS has been playing a great role in strengthening cooperative

relationship in the Americas. We wish a bright future of OAS and success of this General Assembly meeting.

Thank you.