<div align="center">General Statement

(Japan)</div>

Thank you Madam Chair, Distinguished delegates, it is an honor to be able to work together for this very important issue for sustainable development of human kind. We appreciate staff members for your arrangement.

On behalf of Japanese delegation, let me share you some of recent progress in Japan.
We hosted G20 summit in Osaka this June. The G20 leaders shared "Osaka Blue Ocean Vision" aiming to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050.
Also, "G20 Implementation Framework for Actions on Marine Plastic Litter" was formulated in G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth.

As for progress in our own domestic policy measures, Japan is an island country and the entire country is surrounded by the sea. That's why we have always regarded Marine Plastic Litters as a crucial environmental problem.

Firstly, Japan has formulated Resource Circulation Strategy for Plastics. The strategy aims to realize "3R Reduce, Reuse and Recycle + Renewable" while we consume second highest amount of plastic container and packaging waste per capita. The strategy specifies some ambitious milestones, including cumulative reduction of 25% of single-use plastics by 2030 and 100% effective use of used plastics by 2035

We also formulated National Action Plan for Marine Plastic Litter. It aims to realize zero additional pollution by plastic litter. Focus is to prevent discharge of plastic litter to the oceans.

We also changed the basic policy statement against marine litters based on the Act on the Treatment of Marine Debris. The revised basic policy requires business entities to reduce the usage of microbeads contained in rinse-off scrubbing products

To conclude, Japan will keep on investment in innovative technology and consumer lifestyle, sound waste management in collaboration with all the stakeholders including international ones, in order to solve worldwide resource and environmental issues, leading to sustainable development.