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**Item 2: Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS
outcomes at the regional and international levels - Substantive session on the
ten-year review**

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Thank you Madam Chair.

Let me first appreciate the efforts made by the CSTD Secretariat for this draft.

Since 2005, we have made a lot of efforts all over the world to implement the outcomes of WSIS including Tunis Agenda in order to realize the Information Society.

The environment surrounding Internet and ICT has changed a lot since 2005, however Japan observed that the WSIS outcomes are still effective now and in the future. Therefore, we should evaluate and analyze what has been attained among the WSIS outcomes, and what has NOT been made objective from various aspects.

And then, we should clarify the points which have to be carried out for future issues and solutions in order to realize the Information Society in 2015 and afterwards.

In order to do that, it is vital for us to fulfill the WSIS 10-year review by obtaining the support and cooperation from all stakeholders.

Furthermore, I would like to propose some agenda items to be considered in order to resolve international public policy issues regarding internet towards realization of WSIS outcomes.

The first one is that an open, inclusive and holistic approach should be applied.

The second is we should ensure free flow of information on the internet.

The third is the multi-stakeholder approach to the internet governance should be maintained.

The government of Japan believes CSTD is the best venue to provide an objective, evidence-based and data-driven review for overall review by the UNGA of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS, taking into consideration of the above-mentioned points. We, Japan, recognize the draft report prepared by the CSTD secretariat plays a quite excellent role in providing such a review.

Japan welcomes the draft report and would like to associate ourselves with UK's comments that this draft report is well-balanced and CSTD should submit this report as it stands, without additional commentary, via ECOSOC, to the UN General Assembly although Japan does not necessarily agree with all of it.

In case this draft report is revised, Japan strongly requests to correct the draft report in accordance with the following points.

- (1) Evidence should be certainly clarified to avoid prejudging facts.
- (2) Descriptions which could lead to introducing new international regulations should not be incorporated into the final report and the existing mechanism should be used effectively.
- (3) Descriptions which cannot obtain a consensus among all CSTD Member States should be deleted in the final report.
- (4) Descriptions which would generate budgetary implications (PBI) should not be incorporated into the final report.

Thank you very much.