

Statement of Japan

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Mr. Chairperson,

As I said in my national statement yesterday, my country has grave concerns over the reports that the Russian Federation has used riot control agents on Ukrainian territory as a method of warfare. Japan is one of the twelve countries which signed the Note Verbale on this matter initiated by Germany. During this session, we heard the statements by the Russian Federation. But the Russian Federation has not provided plausible explanation on this matter. Rather, my delegation has the impression that the Russian Federation has been using the kind of narrative for this issue, like other cases, such as Mr Alexei Navalny's case. It is very regrettable that the number of the use of RCAs by the Russian Federation is increasing.

Once again, my delegation would like to call upon the delegation of the Russian Federation to clarify the situation to fulfil its accountability. Also, my delegation would like to call upon the Executive Council to seize this matter and the Technical Secretariat to monitor the situation.

I kindly request this statement be made an official document of the 106th session of the Executive Council, and be published on the external server as well as on the public website.

Thank you.