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Japan welcomes the significant progress achieved through the close cooperation between the Technical Secretariat and the Syrian Arab Republic. We have witnessed the Office of Special Mission, in close partnership with the Syrian authorities, demonstrates remarkable determination and resilience in continuing its deployment in Syria despite the challenging environment. This unwavering commitment is truly commendable.

Japan regards the Fifth IIT report as a milestone in the IIT's vital work, highlighting the first investigation made possible through the full cooperation of the Syrian authorities. Japan upholds the principle that all perpetrators of chemical weapons use must be brought to justice. Despite a lot of challenges, the Technical Secretariat, in particular, the IIT, together with the Syrian authority have made commendable progress toward this goal. We deeply appreciate their impartiality, professionalism, and unwavering dedication in carrying out this critical mission.

Japan has been paying a close and serious attention to the report by the TS on the 75 cylinders discovered in Syria. While we await further details, we remain hopeful for tangible results and progress in destruction of chemical weapons in Syria, driven by the strong commitment and ongoing cooperation between Syria and the Technical Secretariat. The path ahead may be challenging, but we believe that these cooperation and efforts are essential for peace and justice.

In this spirit, Japan is honored to announce our contribution of 110,429 Euro to the Trust Fund for Syria Missions. Japan remains steadfast in its commitment to provide all possible support to ensure that the Office of Special Mission can fully realize its mandate and advance the destruction of chemical weapons in Syria.

With determination and cooperation, Japan remains dedicated to fulfilling the vital mission of the OPCW to achieve a world free of chemical weapons.