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Japan expresses its deep concern over the TAV reports, which have repeatedly confirmed the presence of Riot Control Agents at the frontline of Ukraine. We recall that Article 1, paragraph 5 of the Chemical Weapons Convention explicitly prohibits the use of riot control agents as a method of warfare.

Japan reiterates the necessity of holding perpetrators of chemical weapons use accountable in accordance with established international norms and responsibilities. We reaffirm our commitment to supporting the efforts to ensure accountability and commend Ukraine's initiative to carry out the national investigation with the support of the Technical Secretariat.

In this regard, Japan attentively notes the Joint Statement and the Notes by France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United Kingdom regarding the poisoning of Mr. Alexei Navalny and remains engaged in following subsequent developments. It is deeply regrettable that the Russian Federation has yet to provide a credible response to the questions raised by numerous States Parties. Instead, we continue to hear misleading narratives aimed at obscuring the issue, as seen in the recent Notes. We remind the Russian Federation to provide clear and sufficient answers to the questions posed.

As we mark the fourth year since Russia's unjustified and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine, Japan condemns Russia's such act in the strongest terms. Japan pays tribute to Ukraine for its extraordinary resilience and determination in defending its land, culture, and people despite immense hardship.

Japan's voluntary contribution of 85,889 Euro to the Trust Fund for the Implementation of Article X reflects our strong support to assist Ukraine in enhancing its capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to chemical weapons incidents. In the current challenging context of over four years of war in Ukraine, ensuring chemical safety and security is of paramount importance, thereby strengthening Ukraine's resilience against potential chemical weapons threats.