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Japan fully endorses the 2026–27 biennium Programme and Budget and commends the considerable efforts invested in its development. We especially value the unwavering dedication of all stakeholders who have guided a transparent and inclusive budget drafting process.

Japan welcomes that the Budget upholds a Zero Nominal Growth principle, which embodies the collective resolve of all States Parties to maintain sound fiscal management, and we also applaud the decision to integrate the Special Fund for the Syria Mission into the regular budget structure. This integration represents a significant milestone toward ensuring sustainable, predictable funding for the OPCW's mandated functions and further reinforces accountability and transparency in their delivery.

At the same time, Japan is fully aware of the ongoing discussions, including those related to the Syria Special Fund and industry clusters. We recognise the complexity of these issues and their implications for the overall budgetary balance and the robustness of core activities. Japan remains fully committed to working closely with all States Parties, the Technical Secretariat, and other concerned stakeholders to continue engaging constructively to ensure that the OPCW retains the capacity to fulfil its core mandate, and that its Programme and Budget remain efficient, transparent, and accountable.