

UNEA6 National Statement

- My name is TAKISAWA, State Minister of the Environment, Japan.
- First, let me briefly touch upon Ukraine.
- Russia's aggression against Ukraine is an outrageous act that has shaken very foundation of the international order. Any unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force is unacceptable. This aggression also has caused serious damage to Ukraine's environment.
- We condemn this aggression and call once again on Russia to cease all hostilities in Ukraine and withdraw its troops from Ukraine. As we joined the Joint Statement of like-minded countries, Japan is steadfast in our solidarity with Ukraine.

- **Turning to our main topic, we are facing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. In order to overcome this crisis, we need to aim for integrated solutions. For example, when we promote actions for climate change, it needs to be effective for biodiversity loss and pollution as well.**
- **The importance of synergies was stated in the Communiqué of the G7 Hiroshima Summit under the Japanese Presidency last year.**
- **At the SDG Summit held last September, unfortunately achievement of the SDGs was assessed as not being on track, and we have been encouraged to increase synergies between the goals of each SDG in order to achieve them.**

- **Efforts for enhancing synergies will benefit all the countries, and more in developing countries according to the First Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergies released last September. As the report also pointed out, promoting synergies can also increase efficiency and reduce investment gaps.**
- **Japan has submitted a draft resolution in order to promote synergies on a global scale. Through this resolution, we will first build common understanding internationally that synergies are important. Second, we would like to collect good examples of synergies and based on these, develop guidance for policy makers on how to realize synergies. We would like to use this guidance to implement measures enhancing synergies in each country, aiming to overcome the triple crisis.**

- To contribute to the implementation of this resolution, Japan will conduct research to develop tools and indicators through analysis and evaluation of specific cases of synergies. In the coming year, an Asia-Pacific Synergies Report will be prepared jointly with UNESCAP, ADB. We will also support the global conference on strengthening synergies jointly held by UNDESA and UNFCCC.
- Let's use the adoption of this resolution on synergies as an opportunity to expand synergy initiatives around the world, leading to overcoming the triple crises and achievement of the SDGs. Thank you very much.