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Japan's Statement on Agenda Item 5

Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving me the floor.

My delegation would like to thank the Secretariat for this draft roadmap for the development of the next MTS and the Programme of Work.

As both the MTS and the PoW are important in directing UNEP's activities in the coming years, it is important to spend more than a year discussing them with Member States and the Secretariat in the lead-up to UNEA7 in December 2025.

In order to consider the next MTS, we need to take a good look back at the current version and use that reflection for the next step. It is also important that the new MTS is based on an understanding and analysis of the current global environmental situation.

We are aware that the Secretariat is preparing the next publication of GEO 7, and we hope that you will share this information with Member States as soon as possible, as it is necessary for the consideration of the next MTS.

It would be helpful for future constructive consultations if the outline and draft of the next MTS could also be shared well in advance so that Member States can take sufficient time to review it in advance.

We hope that the consultations will be handled in a transparent manner, ensuring that they will be held more than once, as stated in the roadmap.

We would like to contribute to the development of a better MTS and POW.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.