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Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair,

Japan believes that, in order to improve the institutional framework for sustainable development, it is imperative that existing institutions be better utilized and coordination among them strengthened.

Japan welcomes the initiatives that have been taken toward the latter end, including promoting greater synergies among multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), the UN “Delivering as One” initiative, and establishment of the Environmental Management Group (EMG).

One of the possible outcomes of Rio+20 on this theme would be introducing effective coordination and consultation mechanisms within the UN system. One such mechanism is “a system-wide policy orientation for environmental protection and sustainable development of the UN system,” as suggested by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in 2008.

With regard to the enhancement of international environmental governance (IEG), Japan wishes to reiterate the importance of system-wide coherence within the UN system in the environmental field, as well as the need to make the most of the limited resources available within the UN system through rationalization and improving the efficiency of the international agencies concerned.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair.