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- ITEM 3 - Clustered Interactive Dialogue with:**
- Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons**
 - Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation**

**Statement by Mr. Kansuke NAGAOKA
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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan appreciates the contributions made by Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, and by Mr. Léo Heller, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation.

As time is limited, in this Session, I would like to focus on the report by the Independent Expert on the rights of older persons.

We share the view of the Independent Expert that the use of assistive technology and robots has great potential to increase the ability of older persons to live independently and autonomously.

Since the year 2000, Japan has been providing support for enabling older persons to live autonomously in their own homes by making the use of assistive technology eligible for coverage under long-term care insurance in cases where there is a certain level of need. In addition, since 2012, Japan has been supporting the development by private business enterprises of assistive technology and robots for nursing care.

Japan aspires to contribute to the international community through promoting the development and use of assistive technology and robots and sharing good practices in this field.

Madam Independent Expert,

In this connection, if there are any good practices that you are aware of, I would appreciate it if you could kindly share them with us.

I thank you, Mr. President.