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Thank you, Madam Chair.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start by paying tribute to the staff of UNHCR for their dedicated work for refugees and displaced persons in the world and also to the leadership of High Commissioner Grandi.

Japan is a strong supporter of UNHCR and I am pleased to announce that, as of September, Japan already contributed approximately 150 million US dollars to UNHCR this year, which includes emergency grant aid in seven country situations.

Madam Chair,

Japan welcomes the holding of a special segment on CRRF at this year's Executive Committee. Solidarity among the international community is essential in addressing the unprecedented refugee and displacement crisis. Japan will continue to strongly support the efforts towards the implementation of the CRRF. We will also draw on our experience and knowledge to provide input towards the formulation of the Global Compact on Refugees.

I personally visited Uganda in early September, where CRRF has been rolled out. There I saw for myself the importance of catering to the needs of both the refugees and the host community as laid out in the CRRF. I also learned that even before adopting the CRRF, the Ugandan government has been implementing a refugee policy that is in line with its philosophy. I felt that there is much we can learn from their experience.