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Agenda Item 3: FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS THROUGH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MEANS Goal B

Thank you Mr./Madam. Chair, I would be brief.

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With regard to Target 5, in addition to the point raised on the adequacy of guidance and tools in the meeting document, (which concluded that guidance related to reducing or preventing habitat loss is well developed but applied limitedly at national level), Japan considers the definition of natural habitat itself is still not clear for secondary nature, (especially in SATOYAMA area where has significant biodiversity in some cases), and the guidance and tools to monitor the habitat degradation, fragmentation and their recovery are still limited at national level, which is same as the Target 15 of the restoration of degraded area. Recently, we have set the national target in response to Target 5 in our NBSAP and established indicators such as size of tidal flats and other wetland areas restored, and now we are trying to set the baseline for capturing habitat loss and degradation. We would like to ask other countries to introduce their experience in setting baseline for this target. In this regard, we would like to welcome the progress report of ecosystem restoration prepared by the Secretariat.

On Target 9, we fully agree with the summary conclusion of the meeting document saying difficulties remain with their implementation and identification of potential invasive species. To stop and reduce the introduction of potential invasive species, we are designating potential invasive alien species under Invasive Species Act and regulating import and export. In relation to the scientific and technical gap on pathway analysis and assessment of economic impact, we are now drafting the "Action Plan for the Prevention of Damage from Invasive Alien Species Impact", which shows the role of each sector and how to prioritize the project including the measures on hybrid species with native species. The target species list in this plan is being selected with information on cost effective measures and pathways.

Thank you Mr./Madam. Chair,

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