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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR IWAMA KIMINORI,
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan to the OSCE on the
“Decision on the recommendation to adopt a Decision on the closure of the OSCE
Minsk Process, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on
the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and
the High-Level Planning Group”
Special Permanent Council, OSCE
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I would like to say a few words at today's Special Permanent Council meeting.

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the OSCE Minsk Group for its efforts to date and pay tribute to its achievements.

Japan welcomes the joint declaration signed on 8 August by the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan in the United States and looks forward to the early formal signing of a peace agreement.

Japan also highly commends the United States' mediation efforts, including those led by President Trump.

We hope that the signing of this document will lead to the normalization of diplomatic relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan and, ultimately, to the final resolution of the conflict between the two countries, thereby bringing lasting peace and prosperity to the Caucasus region.

We also hope that these developments, and ultimately the final resolution, will facilitate and promote the activities among participating countries under the OSCE framework.

Japan will continue to support efforts toward regional peace and development in cooperation with the international community.

I thank you.