



Written Statement by Japan
in response to the request by Palestine
on Japan's policy on arms exports

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During the discussion at the Sub-working group on current and emerging implementation issues on 21 February 2024, Palestine referred to Japan as an arms exporting State to Israel and requested explanations on its respective policies on arms exports to Israel. This statement made by Palestine is groundless.

Japan recalls that since its accession to the Arms Trade Treaty in 2014, **no conventional arms, as stipulated in Article 2 of the Treaty, have been exported from Japan to Israel.** This is also outlined in the annual reports submitted by Japan from 2015 to the present pursuant to Article 13(3) of the Treaty.

Japan rigidly controls its arms trade in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act and related laws/policies/procedures/principles, and fully complies with the Treaty.

Since the beginning of the negotiation process of the Treaty, Japan has actively contributed to the discussions on the international trade of conventional arms and implementation of the Treaty. Japan will remain committed to playing a key role in this arena in cooperation with all State Parties and relevant stakeholders.