Japan’s statement on Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer (15th November)

As capacity building and financing are mutually relevant, we would like to reiterate the importance of targeted assistance. Following our intervention in financing, assistance to capacity building and technical assistance should be provided to the countries most in need, and be targeted to most effective and cost-efficient efforts. In particular, establishing a basic waste management system at the local level is essential, which could also work for other types of wastes.

For Paragraph 1, the adjectives for capacity-building such as sustainable, comprehensive and adequate sound broad and interpretations on each adjective vary. The adjective Timely and appropriate capacity-building is preferable. Furthermore, for the word “retain,” at the end of sentence, we believe that it is important that countries could develop on their own once appropriate capacity is built, so assistance to the development should not always be “retained.” Our limited resources should be used effectively.

For Paragraph 3, private sector has also been engaged in capacity building, so providing assistance by private sector should be covered in this instrument. We would also like to point out that the second sentence is duplicated with the first sentence, so we propose to delete the second sentence, except for the important element of due consideration to propriety rights on technology transfer.

Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer

1. Parties shall cooperate to enable, within their respective capabilities, the provision of timely-sustainable, comprehensive and adequate appropriate capacity-building and technical assistance to developing countries Parties most in need, in particular, to least developed countries and SIDS, to assist them in implementing their obligations under his instrument* and to retain such capacity once built.

2. The governing body* shall keep under review capacity-building and technical assistance to support the implementation of this instrument* and promote cooperation and coordination with other multilateral
environmental agreements and other relevant initiatives to increase the effectiveness of capacity-building and technical assistance.

3. Parties within their respective capabilities shall promote and facilitate supported by the private sector and other relevant stakeholders, the development, transfer on mutually agreed terms, diffusion of and access to up-to-date environmentally sound technologies to address plastic pollution, including through safe and sustainable alternatives and non-plastic substitutes with due consideration to proprietary rights. In implementing this provision, Parties shall promote and facilitate innovation and investment in pursuit of new technologies and innovative solutions, and shall facilitate access to essential technologies, including with respect to financial resources and proprietary rights.