Thank you Mr. Chair,

First of all, I would like to thank the USG Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya for introducing the report of Secretary General on Least Developed Countries as well as Landlocked Developing Countries.

Japan welcomes the successful adoptions of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which emphasized the central notions of people-centered approach and “no one will be left behind.”

At the same time, I would like to point out that everyone, in the process of negotiation and at the adoption of these agendas, stressed the importance of their implementation.

Japan looks forward to cooperating with Least Developed Countries(LDCs) and Landlocked Developing Countries(LLDCs) toward the implementation of these agendas.

The Istanbul Programme of Action, adopted in 2010 at the Fourth United Nations Conference on LDCs, made clear that LDCs need to establish a new paradigm to achieve poverty eradication through the enhancement of productive capacity.

This goal is in line with our own international cooperation policy: namely, capacity development with ownership and partnership, and the involvement of the private sector. We are determined to support the LDCs’ efforts and encourage them to realize this goal.
Regarding the LDC Technology Bank, we welcome the work done by the high-level expert panel to prepare the report of the feasibility study. Regarding the report, while a more thorough analysis by our Intellectual Property (IP) specialists in Tokyo is still pending, I would like to point out three key things:

First, the protection of IP rights is an essential aspect for the successful transfer of technologies to the industrial sectors of LDCs. Second, the existing mechanisms of related organizations, such as the WIPO should be utilized to their maximum potential to ensure the efficient work of the Tech Bank. Third, the Tech Bank should be sustainable in terms of both its financial and institutional aspects without prejudice to the regular budget of the United Nations.

We would like to stress the importance of transparency in this process and look forward to further consultation on how to efficiently operationalize the Technology Bank by 2017.

We look forward to the Mid-term review of the Istanbul Programme of Action to be held in Antalya, Turkey, in June 2016. We are ready to be constructively engaged in the discussion on the coming review.

Mr. Chair,

The development of LLDCs is another key agenda for the international community, and the Vienna Programme of Action, adopted in 2014 at the Second UN LLDC Conference, marks a renewed partnership for the sustainable development of LLDCs. We are determined to support LLDCs’ efforts to achieve their goal contained in the Vienna Programme of Action.

Thank you.