



COUNTRY: JAPAN

COMITEE: SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMITEE

AGENDA ITEM: The Somalia Conflict: Implications for peacemaking and peacekeeping efforts

In 1969, Siad Barre established a pro-Soviet Socialist regime to seize power.

During the Barre era, Ethiopia followed a pro-US policy; Somalia followed a pro-Soviet policy. During this period, a pro-US coup took place in Ethiopia and a pro-Soviet regime was established in Ethiopia.

Since the fall of the Siad Barre regime in 1991, the country has been struggling with civil war without having an effective central government that controls the entirety of the country. This has made it difficult for the Government of Japan to provide bilateral assistance to Somalia.

However, Japan considers the stability of Somalia is absolutely critical for ensuring human security as well as for the fundamental resolution of terrorism and piracy, which threaten the security of international community. From this point of view, Japan has been implementing in Somalia through international organizations such as United Nations, necessary assistance for responses to the humanitarian crisis and for stability over the medium to long term.