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 The Palestine and Israel conflict has been discussed around the globe. As the delegation of Japan, we support a two-state solution whereby Israel and a future independent Palestinian state live side by side in peace and security. At the same time, Japan has maintained cordial engagement with Israel, even pursuing increased engagement. Until Hamas’ attacks, Japan enjoyed the benefits of engagement in both parties but Hamas’s attacks puts Japan into a position of having to navigate the Palestinian cause and Israel’s heavy military response in Gaza.

 We,as the delegation of Japan, are open to providing accommodation to Palestinian people that are a priority and need to be moved to another country. With the recent military renovations we have made in 2022 we would like to offer troop support as well as more financial support. Also, we are able to provide food aid to the region seeing as Japan already has improved food and infrastructure.

 Although we don’t take any sides and support a two-state solution, Japan is actively providing assistance to the Palestinians. Japan has also urged Israel to suspend its assault on Gaza Strip to allow humanitarian assistance in. Since the Hamas attacks, the Japanese government has engaged in calls with 12 other governments at the foreign and prime minister levels. Tokyo has also dispatched Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa to the region twice. Her first trip was to Egypt to participate in the Cairo Summit for Peace. There, Kamikawa advocated for three core objectives: first, the immediate release of hostages and securing the safety of civilians; second, adherence to international humanitarian law; and third, calming the situation as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Tokyo has announced two key pledges for aid. The first came early in the war with a $10 million emergency humanitarian assistance package. During Kamikawa’s trip, the foreign minister pledged another $65 million in humanitarian aid and relief supplies. We, as the delegation of Japan, are hoping to work more on this issue with other countries and bring peace to this conflict.