

Japan's statement on PMSCs WG on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Japan would like to thank the Secretariat, the Chair-Rapporteur and colleagues for preparing this fourth session.

Japan commits to ensuring that PMSCs comply with international human rights laws and international humanitarian laws.

Japan shares our colleagues' concern on the nature of the future instrument. Japan supports a non-binding framework. What we need is to re-enforce existing framework, not to create a new legal instrument. From this point, Montreux document, which is initiated by Switzerland, is well developed and we see added value to enlarge this supporter.

We hope to have constructive discussion this week.

I thank you.