



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

Item Number: item 7

Item Name: Social and economic benefits, supporting sustainable development, measures taken and proposed for the implementation of resolutions and evaluation of the work of the Group of Experts

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Statement to the report titled “Draft strategic plan and programme of work”

Japan would like to express our appreciation to the UNGEGN bureau members, WG chairs, Secretariat and all who contributed to the development of Draft Strategic Plan and Programme of Work. Japan sincerely pays respect to UNGEGN's professional accumulation and contributions.

Japan continues to pay respect to UNGEGN's professional accumulation and contributions. Japan welcomes the references to inclusive and collaborative work by UNGEGN aiming at consensus-building and harmony as well as its protection of expertise, professionalism and political neutrality as the fundamental values that contribute to effective and sustainable management of UNGEGN in the future.

With regard to the promotion of an authoritative international database/gazetteer on the Action items 1-i-5 of the background document “UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029”, Japan suggests that the contents of database should be consistent with the principle of political neutrality, in accordance with the values in the UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work.

On Action items 2-i-5 of the background document “UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029”, as the responsibility of Member States is not clear on SALB, Member States should not be included in the Actors/Responsibility.

Regarding Action items 5-iv-7 of the background document “UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029”, it should be considered carefully whether the establishment of an UNGEGN trust fund is appropriate or not, in terms of transparency and efficient management and governance of the organization. Before establishing such a trust fund, there should be careful analysis and discussion among the Member States and the UNGEGN community on the needs, ToR, governance structure, etc.

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