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As the world moves forward into a decade that promises continued world development, Japan is very enthusiastic about its permanent membership in the United Nations Development Program. Japan's relationship with the UNDP has proved to be one of mutual reliance and generosity. Aid from partner nations and the UNDP have proved critical to Japan's development from the very beginning of the organization into recent history. Disaster relief efforts, alerts, and recovery programs are crucial to world stability and safety while nuclear disarmament and research into safe energy development are important as the world enters an era of high energy demand. We thank the international community and fellow members of the United Nations Development Program for its continued support and cooperation with the people of Japan. We look forward to a long and prosperous partnership.

Status of Women in Developing Countries

Japan has maintained a strong partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) on the issue of gender equality and the status of women in developing countries. This partnership stems from the long and effective affiliation between the UNDP and the Japan Women in Development Fund (JWIDF) established in 1995 and the continuing cooperation it initiated. Together, the UNDP and the nation of Japan have supported long-term and flexible strategies that encourage the empowerment and mobility of women in developing countries. Japan approaches this topic with the aim of (1) encouraging social and economic **innovations** in developing nations that are gender inclusive, (2) forming **partnerships** at all political and social levels to include a wide range of expertise and opinions on this issue, (3) sponsoring communication and **dialogue** between otherwise separate groups of women of similar cultures, and (4) **providing sustainable resources** and educational programs to female populations. Japan looks forward to sharing its expertise and forging partnerships with fellow nations and the UNDP meeting in Cambridge, Massachusetts on February 4, 2012.

Availability of Information and Communications Technologies in Developing Countries

The availability of information and communications technologies in developing countries continues to be an important concern for Japan and a central focus of its mission to the UNDP. Japan reiterates the concept that responsible technological innovation is necessary to ensure safe development in modernizing countries; developed nations must be careful not to poison sensitive cultures. It recommends a "south-south" cooperation system: Japan would like to work with the UNDP to open a network of technological trade and exchange between developing nations of similar cultures. In addition, Japan encourages programs that inspire technological and communications development within modernizing nations, thereby also supporting economic growth and culturally appropriate strategies. In accordance with these measures, the UNDP must also take ecological impact into considerations when confronting this topic. Japan is willing to sponsor studies on the implications of technologies on local environments including surveys of grass-roots inhabitants of developing countries. It is the responsibility of developed countries to ensure safe and secure methods in supporting technological development.