CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

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Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.

The delegation of Japan supports the statement delivered by the United Kingdom on behalf of Group B.

We would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the document

This delegation basically supports the proposed policy to require users to indicate their email addresses.

However, to avoid excessive influences, lack of indication of e-mail addresses should not fall in the scope of 'Irregularities Entailing a Postponement of the Filing Date of the International Application' under Rule 14(2) of Common Regulations of Hague Agreement.

I thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.