Agenda item 17: Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances (BTAP) BTAP/A/5/1, BTAP/A/2

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Japan would like to thank the Chair and the Secretariat for your great efforts to organize this meeting while the world is in the midst of a crisis.

First of all, this delegation would like to welcome the fact that the number of contracting parties of the Beijing Treaty has steadily been increasing and finally come into force.

Japan extends its gratitude to the Secretariat and all concerned for the effort to promote Beijing Treaty and invite the member states to accede it.

We recognize that this treaty is important to grant appropriate right for audiovisual performance in the digitized and networked society.

Therefore, we hope that more member states will accede to the Beijing Treaty and the right for audiovisual performance will be protected globally.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.