Dear Secretariat,

Please find below, Japan’s statement:

We would like to thank the secretariat for the presentation and the materials for this agenda item.

Toward our national goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, the Government of Japan acknowledges that there are many pathways to technologically achieve this objective. In addition to electric vehicles, there are various forms of innovations that can be levered on, including fuel cell vehicles, hybrid vehicles, hydrogen vehicles etc, and we acknowledge the importance of taking a technologically agnostic approach as to not impede new innovations in tackling the problem of emissions in an economically efficient and sustainable manner.

Based on this thinking, Japan has set national targets on sustainable transport systems in its 2050 carbon neutrality objectives and its green growth strategy to achieve these objectives. Specifically, this includes objectives of achieving new automobile sales comprising mostly of new fuel technology/ electrical vehicles by 2035 and by 2040 for commercial vehicles over 8 tons.

Japan would like to continue to show case ways to solve issues of emissions through such innovations and through cooperation in the region.