

Agenda item 16: Report on the IGC

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The delegation of Japan supports the statement made by Greece on behalf of Group B. This delegations would like to express sincere appreciation to Mr. Ian Goss and the secretariat for their hard work. We have made a fruitful discussion on the core issues based on the text prepared by the chair with the aim of narrowing existing gaps.

We have been making definite progress with the outstanding efforts of all Member States, however divergent views still exist on the fundamental issues such as objectives, subject matter, and disclosure requirement. Thus, this delegation believes that the Committee should place more emphasis on exchanging national experiences and practices, and conducting factual studies.

Mr. chair, the delegation would like to continuously participate in the future IGC sessions in a faithful and constructive manner.

Thank you, Mr.Chair.