

Japan's Statement for Items 15.1 Health Ageing and 15.3 Food Safety

Japan would like to deliver comments on the agenda of 15.1 healthy ageing and 15.3 food safety.

First, Japan highly appreciates the Secretariat and supports the implementation of the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030. This framework proposes a life course approach through promoting multi-sectoral approaches, focusing on improving the lives of older people, their families, and their communities.

This is exactly what Japan has been pursuing, as we are one of the rapidly ageing societies. We are aiming to establish a comprehensive community care system, which covers prevention, medical care, nursing care, housing, and life support.

In Japan, we promote social participation of the elderly, as well as efficient medical and long-term care services with fewer caregivers. We use Artificial Intelligence and advanced technology, such as nursing care and daily life support robots, to reduce the burden of caregivers.

Japan supports the Regional Action Plan on Healthy Ageing in the Western Pacific which was adopted at the Regional Committee in October this year. Global collaboration is vital. As a frontrunner of an ageing society, Japan would continue to share our experiences and knowledge with other member states in promoting measures toward healthy ageing. We also request the Secretariat to provide strong support to the member states for steady implementation of the global strategy and action plan.

Next, regarding food safety, Japan welcomes the adoption of the resolution and appreciates the Secretariat for its work to update the global strategy to ensure food safety. Given that the global trade continues to increase, Japan considers international food standards and risk assessments based on scientific evidence are crucial. To build effective food safety systems at the global level, we will continue to provide our technical resources towards food safety, and accelerate "One Health" approach.

Thank you.