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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Japan supports the appointment of the Turkish Patent Institute, TPI, as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

We heartily welcome any efforts that TPI could make in terms of enhancing the PCT system, which is an important instrument to all innovators who are seeking patent protection internationally.

Japan expects that TPI will play an important role in the development of the PCT system, becoming a bridge between Europe and Asia.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.