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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The delegation of Japan supports the statement delivered by the United Kingdom on behalf of Group B.

We would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the document

Japan supports the WIPO to provide certain guidance on the implementation of the provisions concerning the priority claims to encourage member states to consider flexible responses within their national legislation, without changing the priority period itself.

JPO has flexibly responded to a request for restoration of priority rights and a request to extend the time limit for submission of a priority certificate. JPO has publicized relief measures via its website and will continue to make efforts for the benefit of its users.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.