

**Japan's intervention at 61th WIPO Assemblies  
September 21 to 25, 2020**

**Agenda item 8: Convening of 2021 Extraordinary Sessions**

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.

This delegation supports convening 2021 Extraordinary Sessions to discuss remaining agenda items.

However, the sessions should be carefully scheduled, taking into full account the status of COVID-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, if these sessions will be convened in a hybrid format with both physical and virtual participation, participants in virtual are subject to constraints such as time differences. In order to minimize the impact of these constraints, the time spent at the sessions should be reduced as much as possible.

We would be pleased if we could exchange very clear and detailed information on the policy, etc. for the sessions.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.