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**Statement of JAPAN on the
“Violation of Estonian airspace by the Russian Federation on 19 September 2025“
delivered by Colonel IWASAKI Tomofumi, Military Adviser,
at the 96th Joint Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation and the Permanent
Council, 24th September 2025**

Mr./Madam Chair,

Thank you Mr./Madam Chair for bringing up this important agenda for today’s FSC-PC joint meeting. As stated in the joint statement issued by a group of like-minded countries, including Japan, prior to the emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council convened on September 22 in response to the violation of Estonian airspace by Russian military aircraft on September 19, the incident, Russian MiG 31 fighter jets violated Estonian airspace concerns not only Estonia, but the entire international community. This outrageous violation of the territorial integrity of Estonia was preceded by Russian drones violating the airspaces of Poland and Romania a short while ago.

Russia’s reckless actions represent not only a breach of international law but also a destabilizing escalation that brings the entire region closer to conflict than at any time in recent years. Such a provocation is profoundly disrespectful toward the collective and tireless efforts of the international community to bring an end to the Russia-Ukraine war and to restore peace and stability in accordance with international law.

Mr./Madam Chair,

Japan calls on Russia to end all provocations and threats against its neighbours’ sovereignty and territorial integrity. The international community must stand firm in demanding adherence to the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and peaceful settlement of disputes.

I thank you.