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Your Excellency Mr. Tsuneo Nishida,
Permanent Representative of Japan and Co-Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honour to deliver these brief remarks on behalf of His Excellency Tuvako N. Manongi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations who could not participate in this seminar today due to other pressing engagements outside of New York.

At the outset I wish to thank you Ambassador Nishida for your excellent opening remarks and for hosting us at your Mission. Through you, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Japanese and Tanzanian experts who worked tirelessly to ensure this seminar is a success. I am also aware that, our joint efforts would have been in vain if it was not for the willingness of all of you, here present, to participate with us in this important seminar.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is increasingly appreciated that **inclusivity** in the political, economic and social aspects is crucial for rebuilding post-conflict states. These tenets are also critical in States which are enjoying considerable peace and tranquillity. Inclusivity is a healthy practice which should be promoted globally!

Indeed, history has taught us a very important lesson, that political, economic and social exclusion, horizontal inequality and discrimination can undermine sustainable peace. Such exclusion is among the root causes of conflicts in modern world. In that sense, there is no better alternative to inclusivity.

The Secretary-General's report entitled "Peacebuilding in the aftermath of conflict" of October 2012 alludes to some of the advantages of inclusive processes, which often create an environment of mutual trust and collective ownership of the process and eventual peace dividends. In such processes the warring parties tend to aim for the same objective, one of peace as opposed to violence.

Inclusive processes are also much likely to address the root causes of conflicts and increase legitimacy of a political settlement. It is no wonder therefore, that the recently signed Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the region approaches the situation in our region of Great Lakes of Africa in a holistic and inclusive manner.

Within only few months of its existence, we have witnessed consultations being undertaken with governments, civil society and women in the region. The voices of victims and survivors of sexual violence and other forms of abuse, the children and youth who have been denied their fundamental human rights, the internally displaced persons and refugees must be heard. Their needs and concerns must be taken into account. Armed groups whose operations are undermining security in eastern DRC and beyond must also be availed an option to make peace and not war. It is only by engaging them shall we achieve meaningful and sustainable peace in the entire region.

Likewise, the President of the World Bank together with the Secretary-General also paid a visit to the region, bringing with them good news of investment of **USD 1 billion** for the reconstruction and development of countries in the region, especially the DRC. These are practical example of the inclusive approaches in peacebuilding. And there are many other examples elsewhere, where peacebuilding efforts are underway.

Distinguished participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The United Nations and other international actors have been instrumental in spearheading this agenda by imparting the necessary knowledge and expertise. We should use our forum today to discuss how to harness these efforts to ensure a bigger impact in the future.

This seminar is about sharing experiences and best lessons. We have with us today, very experienced personalities who undoubtedly will inspire us with their insightful presentations.

With those brief remarks, I wish all of us, very constructive discussions.

I thank you.