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**Statement by the delegate of Japan
to the International Coffee Council
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I would like to reiterate the statement I made at the Executive Board.

I agree that it is the default for ICO to remain in London, according to the Agreement. However, staying in Berners Street is not the default. Moreover, I am aware that we have already agreed, as part of this year's budget, to stay in Berners Street on a provisional basis. However, the budget is only a single year commitment. We did not make any future commitment.

In addition, it is obvious that there is no consensus on this matter of premises at this stage. My delegation believes that some consensus is needed before signing a new lease. If a procedure is carried out without any formal decision, ICO's credibility will be significantly damaged.

In this regard, my delegation strongly believes that before signing a new contract, some formal decision by the Council is needed.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.