

***Diet Resolution concerning Japan's continued commitment  
to refugee protection and search for solutions<sup>1</sup>***

The year 2011 will mark the 60th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 30th anniversary of Japan's accession thereto. As a member of the international community, Japan has, for 30 years since its accession to the 1951 Convention, made an active engagement with humanitarian assistance for refugees and IDPs worldwide, emphasizing the concept of human security and peace building. Launching the pilot resettlement programme that accepts Myanmar refugees from Thailand, Japan became the first resettlement country in Asia in 2010. Japan has made every effort to ensure the transparency and efficiency of its refugee status determination process with a view to further enhancing and developing its domestic asylum system.

Building on the above and respecting the basic international refugee protection principles and values, Japan wishes to commit, through strengthened coordination with international organizations, civil society and non-profit organizations that support refugees, to develop a comprehensive asylum process in Japan and to make every effort to further develop the current resettlement pilot project. Japan also reaffirms its commitment, based on its foreign policy, to continue assisting and supporting refugees and IDPs worldwide, thereby undertaking a leadership role in Asia and in the world to strengthen and improve refugee protection and to identify durable solutions for refugee/IDP problems worldwide.

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<sup>1</sup> Res. 2, adopted at the House of Representatives, 17 Nov. 2011 / Res. 1, adopted at the House of Councillors, 21 November 2011.