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**Statement by Foreign Press Secretary Yasuhisa Kawamura
on Settlement Construction by Israel**

1. The Government of Japan deeply deplores that, according to information, the Government of Israel has approved plans of housing units in settlements in the West Bank.
2. Settlement activities are in violation of international law, and Japan has repeatedly called upon the Government of Israel to fully freeze settlement activities. Taking this opportunity the Government of Japan also expresses its deep concern about recent announcement by Israel declaring the land in the West Bank as “state land”.
3. The Government of Japan strongly calls upon the Government of Israel to refrain from any unilateral act that doesn’t contribute to resuming peace talks and to desist from implementing the above-mentioned plan of construction for the sake of progress in the peace process. (END)