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Statement by the Press Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan,
on the recent situation regarding the Middle East Peace

Regarding the reconciliation agreement among the Palestinian factions, including Fatah and Hamas, signed on May 4 in Cairo, Japan hopes that the Palestinian Authority will maintain the commitment of renouncing violence against Israel and that this agreement will lead to a two-state solution that realizes an independent and democratic Palestinian state and Israel co-existing in peace and security. From this viewpoint, Japan will continue to follow the situation, including the implementation of the agreement.

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