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Permettez- moi d'abord de remercier l'organisateur de cette réunion de l'avoir reprogrammé afin que je puisse participer à cet évènement important. Je tiens également à remercier M. Hervé Nicolle, M. Seck et M. Banlav pour leurs présentations et commentaires perspicaces et utiles.

As has already been discussed, this meeting is an important opportunity to share the result of the Final Report of Labor Market Assessment in the North-West and South-West regions conducted in connection with the IOM project "Strengthening community resilience and recovery in Cameroon for the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus".

I would like to take this opportunity to revisit the important notion that Japan was actually among the first to promote, human security. Human security involves not just physical security of life and property of individuals, but health, water, and education as well. These are also the things badly needed by the conflict affected communities including those in NOSO, North West and South West region.

The Japanese government intends to cooperate with UN to alleviate the difficulties of local population in those areas in conjunction with the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus. In the area where a large number of people are displaced such as NOSO, in addition to humanitarian emergency assistance, it is also appropriate to take a medium to long-term perspective. The objective should include increasing livelihood opportunities for the local inhabitants and helping them to be self-resilient so that they will be independent and proceed with long-term reconstruction by themselves.

In this context, this Labour Market Assessment, conducted with the cooperation of the IOM is very much relevant and useful. I note that it is consistent with the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus as well as Sustainable Development Goals, which aims to bring about a society where no one, including the most vulnerable, will be left behind. I very much hope that this report will serve as a useful reference for actors dedicated to promote humanity, development and peace in NOSO region.

Thank you for your attention.