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APPLICATION OF JAPAN FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 16 June 1952 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Japan addressed to the Secretary-General

Note by the Secretary-General: Pursuant to rule 134 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Members of the United Nations, a copy of a letter dated 16 June 1952 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan concerning the application of Japan for admission to membership in the United Nations.

Tokyo, 16 June 1952

I have the honour to state that Japan applies for membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Treaty of Peace with Japan signed at San Francisco on 8 September 1951, has come into force as from 28 April 1952, and Japan as an independent State has been restored to the comity of nations.

In the preamble of this treaty it is stated inter alia that "Japan for its part declares its intention to apply for membership in the United Nations and in all circumstances to conform to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations" and that "the Allied Powers welcome the intentions of Japan".

The Japanese people have an earnest desire to participate in the work of the United Nations and to utilize the purposes and principles of the Charter as a guide to the conduct of their affairs. There exists among the Japanese people nation-wide sympathy with the objectives of the United Nations to foster international peace and co-operation among nations. The Government of Japan is eager to apply for membership in the United Nations therefore and

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will undertake to fulfil the obligations of membership in the Organization by all means at its disposal.

In these circumstances I have the honour to request that Your Excellency be good enough to take necessary steps so that the present application of Japan might be given due consideration by the competent organs of the United Nations.

A formal declaration that the Japanese Government accepts the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations is hereby enclosed.

(Signed)

K. OKAZAKI  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

DECLARATION

Tokyo, 16 June 1952

I, Katsuo Okazaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs, having been duly authorized by the Japanese Government, state that the Government of Japan hereby accepts the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations, and undertakes to honour them, by all means at its disposal, from the day when Japan becomes a Member of the United Nations.

(Signed)

K. OKAZAKI  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

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