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1. Japan believes that mutual distrust and suspicion existing among nations are the greatest deterrents to stable relations and disarmament. To eliminate such distrust and suspicion, we deem it necessary for each nation to undertake the following:

(a) Strict observation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the generally accepted principles of international law relating to the maintenance of international peace and security;

(b) Elimination of political propaganda from disarmament debates;

(c) Strengthening international means of verifying disarmament treaties and utilizing more effectively the functions of relevant organs of the United Nations in this field;

(d) Improvement of the means of communication, such as the establishment of a "hot line", particularly in regions of tension, to prevent outbursts of conflict owing to accident or misunderstanding;

(e) Exchange of information relating to military affairs, including the publication of military expenditures on the basis of a standardized system.
