

[Address by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the General Assembly of the United Nations “A Society in Which Women Shine”]

At this year’s General Assembly of the United Nations, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe delivered an address during the General Debate, receiving high praise by the international community.

In his address during the General Debate, Prime Minister Abe set a main focus on women-related policy and introduced Japan’s contributions in the following four areas, based on the concept that mobilizing the power of women as the nation’s greatest potential for growth and creating “a society in which women shine” will greatly vitalize Japan and thus the world.

1. Working closely with relevant international organizations, including UN Women
2. Developing a national action plan regarding women, peace, and security, in cooperation with people working at the grass-roots level
3. Cooperating closely with the International Criminal Court and the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
4. Submitting once more at the next session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women a draft resolution that gives careful consideration to the vulnerability of women at times of natural disasters

Furthermore, while citing examples of three women, Prime Minister Abe stated his intent to implement ODA in excess of US\$3 billion over the next three years to build “a society in which women shine”, in establishing the three pillars of (i) women’s participation in society and the empowerment of women, (ii) greater efforts in the field of health and medical care for women, and (iii) participation and protection of women in peace-building, security, and prevention of conflicts.

In closing, Prime Minister Abe concluded by expressing his wish to bring about such a society, both within Japan and also in regions of conflict and in countries suffering from poverty.

Please also refer to the attached full text of the Prime Minister’s address.