

EOV (L.3)

Japan

- ~~Regarding~~ ^{As to} ~~the idea of~~ ^{proposal}
- ~~Regarding~~ the ~~idea of~~ establishing an Ad Hoc Committee of the Human Rights Council, Japan believes and repeatedly expressed that this is not the right timing.
 - This is from the fact that we have just had 5 experts appointed recently, whose mandate is to produce a base document outlining the substantive gaps in the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and ~~who~~ ^{they} are supposed to finalize their report before the end of June 2007.
 - We should not hasten to establish this Ad Hoc Committee before we ~~have~~ received and read their report.
 - ~~Instead~~, we should wait for these 5 experts to submit their report to us and then analyze and discuss their paper. We should start to discuss on the necessity of establishing an Ad Hoc Committee only after this process. We cannot agree with the ~~process~~ ^{suggested} in L.3, as we feel it pre-empts the conclusion of the paper by the 5 experts.
 - Therefore, we cannot agree with L.3 and ~~will~~ vote against it.

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- Japan has always put great importance on the issue of racial discrimination
- My delegation would like to express gratitude to the people concerned, esp. Gov. of DRC and Gov. of Algeria, who have shown their utmost efforts to ^{try to} have consensual text. However, my delegation still ~~has~~ has concerns with the current text as amended by the Algerian Gov.