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Japan contributes for the ECOWAS Election Observation Mission in Nigeria

1 The Government of Japan has decided to make its contribution in the amount of USD 30,436 to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to support the ECOWAS Election Observation Mission in Nigeria.

2 In relation to the ECOWAS Supplementary protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, the Election Observation Mission ECOWAS was deployed to this year's Nigeria's Presidential and National Assembly Election, which will be conducted on 14 February 2105. The Government of Japan recognizes the importance of ECOWAS's efforts to ensure the proper conduct of free, fair and transparent elections to contribute to the peace and stability of the region, and is confident that the deployment will contribute to the conduct of a peaceful electoral process. Hence in order to contribute to the peaceful and democratic process of the election, the Government of Japan decided to contribute to part of the cost of the deployment of a 12-member Long Term Election Observation Mission which comprises of an Election Specialist, Political Legal Specialist, Conflict Prevention Specialist, Media Specialist, Operation Specialist and Mission Coordinator.

3 Since 2000, the Government of Japan has extended its contribution to the ECOWAS regional projects with total amount of approximately USD 5.8 million. At the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) held in Japan in June 2013, one of the main areas where Japan addressed its assistance for Africa was "Consolidating Peace, Stability, Democracy and Good Governance". It is expected that this contribution by the Government of Japan to the ECOWAS will ensure peace and security in Nigeria and further strengthen its vital role in regional integration.

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