

Appendix III

Abduction Issue

On the issue of the abduction of Japanese nationals by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the Japanese delegation, at the 11th and 12th annual meetings, having emphasized the humanitarian nature and urgency regarding this issue, expressed its strong concern that insufficient progress has been made in the aftermath and that there needs to be a sincere effort to resolve this matter.

Member countries expressed their great sympathy for the predicaments of the victims and their families and their desire that a solution should be found as soon as possible./.