

# Exhibit G

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# [Joint Statement] Japan must not be allowed to violate the G7 Leaders' Statement – Supporting new Coal Plants in Indonesia and Bangladesh goes against the Agreement –



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## goes against the Agreement –

In response to the G7 Cornwall Summit Leaders' Statement, the Japanese government revised its policy on providing support for overseas coal-fired power projects on June 17, stating to "end new direct international government support for unabated coal-fired power generation by the end of 2021" (\*1). Nevertheless, the Japanese government is determined to exclude from this new policy the new yen loans for the main construction of the Indramayu coal-fired power project (Indonesia) and the Matarbari coal-fired power project Phase 2 (Bangladesh) through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). We strongly condemn such determination by the Japanese government.

The fact that the Japanese government is violating the contents of the G7 Leaders' Statement was confirmed when a Japanese civil society organization checked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) whether the policy applies to the aforementioned 2 projects (\*2). According to MoFA's response, the 2 projects are already in the process of being implemented and are not considered as new projects, thus are excluded from the scope of the G7 Leaders' Statement.

However, in some cases in the past, MoFA has interpreted projects that are "in process for implementation" as "new projects" and has decided to stop such new projects. For example, when official development assistance (ODA) for Vietnam and Indonesia were suspended due to corruption issues, the adoption of new projects suspended (\*3). Currently, the Japanese government is continuing to disburse loans for the engineering service in Indramayu and is conducting a preparatory survey for Matarbari 2. It is inconsistent for the Japanese government to exclude these 2 projects from the new policy by stating that they are not "new" because they are "in process for implementation."

Also, for both projects, the main construction has not started and the loan for construction has not yet been adopted. As such, it is feasible enough to not provide these types of support in the future, in other words, to end direct support for coal-fired power generation by the end of 2021.

The G7 Leaders' Statement is committed to aligning international public finance with the net-zero by 2050 goal, hence supporting the construction of new coal-fired power plants goes against this agreement. Japan's biased logic described above is unacceptable in the international community. Inevitably, Japan will once again be criticized on the global stage, such as at this year's G20 and COP26, for undermining global decarbonization efforts.

Therefore, the Japanese government should review the interpretation of "new" support in the G7 Leaders' Agreement and state that it will not adopt an ODA loan for the main construction of Indramayu and Matarbari 2 coal-fired power projects.

**Footnotes:**

\*1: <https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/singi/keikyoku/dai51/siryoku3.pdf> (in Japanese)

\*2: JACSES contacted MoFA on June 14 and the MoFA responded on June 25.

\*3: MoFA, "Further efforts by both Japan and Vietnam to prevent fraudulent corruption over Official Development Assistance (ODA)

projects" [https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/press4\\_001075.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/press4_001075.html)

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# Japan to tighten rules on coal power exports to meet G7 vow

Reuters

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A protester holds a bucket of coal during a demonstration demanding Japan to stop supporting coal at home and overseas, at the G20 Summit in Osaka, Japan, June 28, 2019. REUTERS/Jorge Silva

TOKYO, June 18 (Reuters) - Japan will tighten its rules on support for exports of new coal power plants, in line with a pact by the Group of Seven nations (G7) to halt new government backing for "unabated coal power" by the end of 2021, a government official said on Friday.

The G7 pledged on Sunday to rapidly scale up technologies and policies that speed the transition away from such power, generated by plants that lack emissions-cutting measures, such as carbon capture and storage (CCS). [read more](#)

"Our rules to support coal power exports will become more strict, but no details have been set yet," said Hiroshi Tsuchiya, the director of the coal division at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

The ministry will co-ordinate with other government ministries to work out the details of Thursday's decision to review the export rules, which was made by a government panel on infrastructure strategy, he told Reuters by telephone.

Japan tightened state-backed financing criteria for overseas coal-fired power plants last July, after drawing criticism for its support of the dirty fossil fuel.

However it exempted certain situations, such as when a country seeking energy stability lacks any alternative to coal and seeks to build a coal-fired station employing Japan's so-called clean coal technology.

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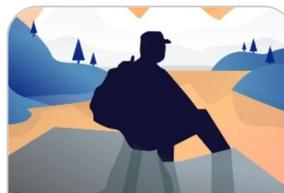
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