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### **Study on the Dispatch of Staff Officers to the MFO**

It is to be informed that the Government of Japan has decided to study the possibility of dispatching staff officers to the MFO.

#### Outline

In response to the request for the Multinational Force & Observers (MFO), which conducts activities similar to UN PKO missions such as monitoring of ceasefires between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel, the Government of Japan has decided to study the possibility of dispatching a few Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) personnel to the MFO as staff officers under the Act on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Other Operations.

By supporting the promotion of dialogue and confidence building between Egypt and Israel from the start of its activities in 1982, the MFO has contributed to the peace and stability in the Middle East, which is “the foundation for peace and prosperity” of Japan. The Government of Japan has financially contributed to the MFO since 1988.

Considering that a further contribution to the MFO would promote the peace and stability in the Middle East more effectively, Japan has decided to conduct the said study.