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“Let us put some comments on this issue.

First of all, When it comes to the development of cross-border data infrastructure, it is necessary to take into consideration various situations of the countries concerned and the deliberation should be left primarily to the concerned parties on a bilateral basis. Stakeholders from the international organizations and other bodies should play their role in improving environment in that sphere by supporting human resource development and sharing information on the best practices of the member countries.

Second, there is a mention about development of land based fiber network in the ESCAP related document, however such issue need to take adequate time for consideration as it might have various operational challenges including cost-sharing of the management and maintenance.

Chair, Japan is not opposed to studying a comprehensive regional framework, however, given the characteristics of ICT, such framework should have enough space to flexibly accommodate itself to changing environment of this era.”