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## ADDRESS BY H.E. MR. JUNICHIRO KOIZUMI PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN AT THE FIFTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

"A New United Nations for the New Era"

21 SEPTEMBER 2004 UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK Mr. President, Mr. Secretary-General, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you, Mr. President, on your election to

reintegration

Mr. President,

As the international community rises to meet the challenges we face in today's world, the United Nations mu

Japan's Self-Defense Forces have conducted humanitarian and reconstruction activities in such areas as Timor-Leste and Iraq.

Such global contributions for peace are rooted in the fundamental belief cherished by the Japanese people, who have been seeking an honored place in an international community striving for peace and prosperity