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To the authors of the WFOT position paper on CBR,

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Let me begin with expressing Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists' (JAOT) appreciation for the initiative of formulating a draft position paper on CBR on behalf of WFOT. Herewith, I sent you the response to this draft position paper of JAOT.

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The draft position paper has been reviewed in several bodies of JAOT, including the board of directors and the international relations section that was composed of occupational therapists experienced in CBR as Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers of Japan International Cooperation Agency. Below you will find an outline of the arguments raised in the discussions that have been taking place within JAOT. Frankly speaking we cannot feel that the opinions and policies outlined in the position paper reflect our experiences and thinking about CBR. In fact, the philosophical tone of the paper made it very difficult for us to respond at all! Furthermore, we find the appeal for occupational therapy weak, especially for people who are not familiar with occupational therapy.

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Allow me to once more express our appreciation for the hard work that you must have put in formulating a tentative WFOT-position. I'll be awaiting your response and please do not hesitate to seek any clarifications on the issues and opinions raised.

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On behalf of the Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists,

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