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UPR of Indonesia– Statement of Japan
(H.E. Ambassador Kenichi SUGANUMA)
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Thank you, Mr/Madam President,

Japan welcomes the delegation of Indonesia and appreciates the efforts by the government to prepare for this review.

Japan commends the positive steps Indonesia has taken based on recommendations it accepted during its first UPR, including the enactment of human rights-related laws and regulations and various national policies based on its National Human Rights Action Plan.

Japan welcomes President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's plan to offer an official apology for past violations of human rights during the Suharto era. We also note with appreciation the prioritization of human rights education and training focused on police and military officers. However, Japan is concerned by the situation in Papua where repression on the part of military and police officers is reported to be leading to human rights violations, as well as by continued reports of a general climate of impunity, and **recommends** an immediate halt to such actions. Japan also **recommends** that appropriate measures be taken to ensure the complete protection of the freedom of religion or belief for religious minorities.

We applaud the efforts underway to promote and protect the rights of the child, including the establishment of the National Program for Indonesian Children and Child Social Welfare Program and enhanced cooperation between the police and the courts. We **recommend** that further efforts be made to protect children's rights,

including improvements to the juvenile justice system. Japan also encourages Indonesia to make full use of the Principles and Guidelines for Elimination of Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy and Their Family Members and the relevant General Assembly resolution as it continues to address leprosy-related discrimination and prejudice.

Finally, Japan greatly appreciates Indonesia's active role in promoting and protecting human rights in the region, including by sharing its experiences in the framework of ASEAN, and hopes that it will continue to serve as a leader in this area.

I thank you.