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**UPR of the Philippines– Statement of Japan**  
**(H.E. Ambassador Kenichi SUGANUMA )**

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Thank you, Mr/Madam President,

Japan notes with appreciation that the Philippines is party to many of the core international human rights instruments and expect that it continue to guarantee their domestic application. Japan also **recommends** that the Philippines ratify the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CPED) in a timely manner, as was recommended during the previous review.

Japan also commends the follow-up measures on another recommendation which called for the complete elimination of torture and extrajudicial killings, in particular in the area of capacity building of government officials charged with investigation and prosecution. At the same time, we understand that political killings continue to be a significant human rights issue. Japan **recommends** further capacity building, such as through human rights education targeting government authorities, particularly law enforcement agencies, and an effective implementation of a national oversight mechanism.

Japan applauds the steady progress that has been made regarding measures to combat human trafficking since the previous review, including a strict crackdown on cases of human trafficking, consolidation of legislation, and the establishment of shelters for women and children. However, we note that a visit by the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons especially women and children has been