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## UPR of Tunisia– Statement of Japan

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Japan pays tribute to the progress ~~that has been~~ made in democratization in Tunisia, including through the National Constituent Assembly (NCA) elections that were held last year. Japan commends Tunisia's commitment to international human rights standards, including with its ratification of most major international human rights instruments, signing of CPED last year and withdrawal of all of its reservations to CEDAW.

On the other hand, Japan is concerned by reports of human trafficking and domestic violence against and sexual exploitation of women and children. Japan **recommends** that all necessary measures be taken in order to eliminate violence against women and children, including through consolidation of the legal system with respect to human trafficking countermeasures.

Regarding the judicial process, Japan **recommends** that all necessary measures continue to be taken to protect and offer remedy to victims of torture. Japan hopes that the Government of Tunisia will enhance its efforts to further promote and protect human rights, including by bringing to justice those responsible for human rights violations that occurred during and after the revolution and rehabilitating the victims <sup>and steps will be taken to</sup> ~~as well as through amending or abolishing~~ legislation from the previous government that may act to restrict human rights.

I thank you.