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Thank you, Mr/Madam President,

Japan appreciates that the UK is a party to the core international human rights instruments and has recently ratified the optional protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography. Japan **recommends** that the UK accelerate its current efforts to sign and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CPED).

Japan commends the UK's acceptance of a recommendation to more fully address gender equality, which it has followed up with the publication of a related cross-Government Equality Strategy. Japan also greatly appreciates the measures being taken by the UK to protect freedom of expression and agrees with the principle that human rights, including the freedom of expression, should apply with equal force on-line as they do off-line.. On the other hand, the prevalence of the Internet has also brought forth serious challenges, such as infringement of individual privacy and violation of intellectual property rights. Japan would like to hear what sort of self-regulatory mechanisms the UK has in place in order to strike a balance

between addressing such concerns and promoting and protecting human rights online.

Lastly, Japan takes note that the UK published the Review of Counter Terrorism and Security Powers in January 2011, following its acceptance of a recommendation to review all of its counterterrorism legislation. Japan **recommends** that the UK continue to ensure that its terrorism prevention legislation and measures comply with the international human rights standards.

I thank you.