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**Statement of the Algerian Delegation
on the UPR of Japan**

Mme. President,

My delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of Japan headed by H.E. Mr. Hideaki Ueda, Ambassador in charge of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, MOFA, and thanks him for his thorough presentation.

We note with appreciation the engagement of Japan in the promotion of human rights at the international level, through dialogue and cooperation while taking into account that each country has its own history and traditions.

We welcome the commitment expressed by Japan to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as well as the establishment of a human rights institution in accordance with the international standards. We encourage Japan to accelerate its efforts in this regard.

We also appreciate the engagement of Japan in international cooperation and its contributions aimed at achieving MDGs in developing countries.

We took positive note of the measures undertaken by Japan in the field of protecting children and of combating trafficking in persons.

While echoing the concerns expressed by the CRC in this regard, **we recommend that Japan further increase its efforts to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and to prosecute the authors of such acts.**

My delegation welcomes the measures undertaken in the field of promoting women rights particularly, its participation in the decision-making processes as well as combating violence against women. However, concerns are raised regarding women's disadvantaged situation in the labour market, particularly with regard to illegal dismissal of women due to pregnancy and childbirth and wage gap between men and women.

We recommend that Japan take effective measures to ensure a greater political representation and participation of women in public life as well as to address the issue of wage gap between men and women.

Thank you.