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Madame President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Japan and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome the serious consideration given by Japan to the UPR process and the distribution of the voluntary follow-up report in that regard. Furthermore, Japan has made significant efforts concerning the continued accession to the core human rights treaties and the withdrawal of the reservations.

We note the close attention by the Government to the promotion and protection of the human rights in the country. In that regard, we are of the view that the existence of an independent human rights institution would substantially contribute to this endeavours.

Azerbaijan welcomes the measures of the Government concerning providing necessary training for the police personnel in the human rights field and recommends Japan to strengthen the human rights education of the law-enforcement agencies, public servants, especially on the rights of women and children.

We note the measures concerning the fight against trafficking in persons and emphasize the especial role of the public awareness on this matter. Japan also enhanced the bilateral cooperation for combating these phenomena. We recommend Japan to continue measures for improving access by women victims of trafficking and sexual violence to complaints mechanisms and protection services.

Thank you for your attention.