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Statement by the delegation of Cambodia
at the 14th Session of the UPR WG of HRC for Japan
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Mme. President,

- 1 Cambodia welcomes the delegation of Japan led by the HE Mr....., at this Second UPR cycle process.
- 2 Cambodia takes note of the progress made by the Government of Japan in the implementation of the UPR recommendations, following the country's first review. We praise the country's efforts to address the continued commitments toward the remaining challenges.
- 3 Since May 2008, Japan has made efforts to conclude human rights treaties and withdraw reservations to some important treaties as a result of the first UPR outcome, which include, among others, the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- 4 Japan has actively contributed to the promotion of human rights at the United Nations, including in the Human Rights Council. The country has been contributing to the improvement of human rights situations through dialogues and cooperation with many countries, including with Cambodia.
- 5 We welcome steps which have been taken by the Government of Japan in adopting the "Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality", on December 17, 2010, establishing 15 priority fields for creating a gender-equal society, setting the direction of long-term policies up until 2020, with specific measures to be implemented by the end of FY 2015. The initiatives to expand women's participation in policy and decision-making processes including the minority of women are positive step in this regard. We also praise the Government of Japan efforts in revising "Japan's Action Plan of Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons" of 2004 (as "Japan's Action Plan of Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons 2009" in December 2009).
- 6 We therefore recommend that: a) the country continues with all its endeavors to ensure further success in the implementation of the recently established programs/policies, including the revised national action plan against trafficking in person, b) to take further steps to ratify the relevant treaties and conventions, keeping in line with priority and the domestic legislative process.

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