

2

Chan Aye  
Cancellor

1  
Check against delivery

**Statement by Myanmar**  
**During the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on the**  
**Universal Periodic Review of Japan**  
**Geneva, 31 October 2012**

**Madame President,**

I would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Japan led by .....

We thank them for their comprehensive presentation on the achievements made in Japan on the promotion and protection of human rights.

In the UPR National Report of Japan, my delegation takes note of a number of important developments, such as the preparations to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles, the establishment of 15 priority fields to create a gender-equal society under the Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality, the initiatives to prevent violence against women, the measures to prevent child abuse and the measures to combat trafficking in persons.

My delegation also takes note of Japan's bilateral human rights dialogue with other countries, the financial contributions to organizations such as OHCHR, UNICEF and UN Women, and its contributions to initiatives aimed at achieving the MDGs.

My delegation commends Japan's contribution to the improvement of human rights situations through dialogue and cooperation, based on the consideration that each country has its own history and traditions.

**Madame President,**

Before concluding, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the Japanese delegation:

- To further strengthen the public awareness about the human rights of migrant workers and other minority groups and,
- To share with other countries, through the UPR process, its experiences and best practices gained from creating a gender-equal society.

I thank you, Madame President.