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Madame President,

Namibia warmly welcomes the delegation of Japan to the 14th Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the UPR.

Namibia commends the Government of Japan for its strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights both nationally and internationally. Japan has made great progress in upholding the rights of persons with disabilities with a view to ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons of Disabilities. My delegation notes with appreciation that Japan accepted the recommendation to provide free secondary education for all. My delegation further commends Japan for promoting the socio-economic rights of women including through establishing the Action Plan to Promote Economic Revival through Women's Active Participation.

Madame President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Japan:

1. Continue to strengthen its anti-racist and anti-discriminatory measures.
2. Abolish the death penalty or establish a moratorium on its use.
3. Increase its Official Development Aid to 0.5 percent of its gross national income with a view to reaching the UN target of 0.7 percent.

I thank you Madame President.