

Madam President,

Pakistan welcomes the Japanese delegation to their UPR and thanks for a comprehensive presentation of the national report, which provides an overview of the state of human rights in the country including an update on the status of the implementation of recommendations that were made in 2008.

We are encouraged to note that since the first review, Japan has made considerable efforts to strengthen the human rights infrastructure for the promotion and protection of human rights.

The report refers to the reforms introduced in criminal justice proceedings. We have found these measures useful in ensuring transparent interrogations. We have also learnt that a number of initiatives have been introduced to expand women's participation in policy and decision-making processes.

Madam President,

The report refers to the challenges faced in the context of human rights infringements on the Internet, including defamation of individuals, invasion of privacy, and expression encouraging discrimination. We take note of the measures introduced by the Japanese government to address these challenges, including requesting the internet providers to remove the infringing information. We would appreciate if the delegation could explain about the criteria that guide authorities to seek removing the information from the Internet.

We recognize the long-standing commitment of the Japanese government for promoting development in several developing countries. Despite the devastating earthquake and tsunami of 2011, it is encouraging that Japan remains committed to actively engaged in international cooperation. We recommend Japan to play an effective role to operationalize the right to development at the international level.

In conclusion, we wish Japan well in its endeavors to promote and protect human rights.

I thank you Madam President.

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