

UPR of Sri Lanka – Statement of Japan
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Ambassador
Takashi OKADA

Thank you, Mr/Madam President,

Japan welcomes the formulation and announcement of the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights as well as the National Plan of Action to implement the recommendations of the LLRC (Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission) as setting out a concrete roadmap of measures to be taken by Sri Lanka and how to advance them. Japan **recommends** the steady implementation of these action plans. We hope that the government of Sri Lanka will make further efforts to engage with the international community, including a visit by the High Commissioner.

At the same time, unresolved issues remain, to which we hope that the Sri Lankan government will respond. Regarding the issue of internally displaced persons in particular, Japan **recommends** that the government take continuous measures to secure social infrastructure and means of livelihood at resettlement sites as this is expected to become even more vital.

Japan remains committed to providing support toward Sri Lanka's national reconciliation through the activities of Japan's envoy Mr. Yasushi Akashi and economic cooperation for less-developed areas of the country.

I thank you.