

## UPR of China– Statement of Japan

22 October 2013

Mr. President,

Japan hopes that China will make further efforts to ensure civil and political rights, such as freedom of expression, including freedom of the press and freedom on the Internet, as well as the liberty of persons. Noting ongoing administrative and judicial reforms aimed towards the ratification of the ICCPR, Japan **recommends** that China timely ratify the ICCPR.

Human rights and fundamental freedoms must be ensured for minority groups such as Tibetans and Uighurs. Japan **recommends** that further efforts be made toward securing all human rights, including cultural rights, for minorities.

Japan welcomes China's release of a human rights white paper and expects further transparency in judicial procedures, including regarding detention and the treatment of current and former inmates.

Japan welcomes China's acceptance of several visits by SRs and hopes that China strengthens its cooperation with the HRC by issuing a standing invitation to Special Procedures and accepting a High Commissioner's visit, among others.

Thank you.