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UPR of Malaysia– Statement of Japan
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Japan appreciates that Malaysia has been cooperating with civil society organizations and National Human Rights Commission for the promotion and the protection of human rights.

To realize further progress in this area, Japan **recommends** that Malaysia issue a standing invitation to Special Procedures and consider early accession to major international human rights instruments such as the ICCPR (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), ICESCR (International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights), ICERD (International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination), CAT (Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment), and CPED (International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance).

Japan is concerned by the restriction of freedom of opinion and expression as well as freedom of association and peaceful assembly as seen in the regulation of media and the Internet and the prohibition of street demonstrations. Japan encourages Malaysia to continue its efforts to further ensure those rights.

Concerns remain with regard to the condition of detainees. Japan **recommends** that Malaysia continue to improve domestic legislation in order to guarantee the right of detainees to a fair trial.

Japan welcomes Malaysia's National Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (2009-2014). We hope that Malaysia will submit its periodic reports to the CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) in a timely manner.

Thank you.