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**UPR of Mexico - Statement of Japan**

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Japan commends the current administration's renewed commitment to the promotion of human rights and its efforts to implement the recommendations it accepted in its first UPR, including through the constitutional amendments, and, legal and institutional reforms. Japan hopes that the collaboration among federal government, local governments, and civil societies results in the effective implementation of those reforms.

Japan takes note of the fact that the administration is paying close attention to the respect of human rights in its fight against organized crimes. Japan also takes note of the efforts to improve the legal framework related to issues such as torture, enforced disappearance, and arbitrary detention. Japan **recommends** that Mexico continues to further strengthen its criminal justice system, including through capacity building of judicial actors and law enforcement institutions so that its measures against organized crime be taken with due consideration paid to the rule of law and human rights and with an emphasis on due process.

Japan welcomes the establishment of the Human Rights Defenders and Journalists Protection Mechanism. Concerns are expressed by various treaty bodies regarding violence against journalists and human rights defenders and impunity. Japan **recommends** that Mexico strengthens its measures to effectively prevent the violence against journalists and human rights defenders and impunity.

To conclude, Japan welcomes the advances in Mexico in its promotion of human rights since the first UPR and ~~hopes that Mexico~~<sup>to</sup> continues its efforts to overcome various challenges.

Thank you.

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