

## UPR of Nigeria— Statement of Japan

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Japan commends the measures taken by Nigeria in response to the recommendations of the previous review, in particular the ratification of the two Optional Protocols to CRC (~~the Convention of the Rights of the Child~~) (~~armed conflict sale of children~~). We hope that economic reform through Vision 20:2020 will lead to amelioration of the human rights situation.

Japan is deeply concerned by the security situation in Nigeria, particularly in the ~~(three)~~ northern states (~~of Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa~~) which are under a state of emergency, and the worsening human rights situation there. As to the operation on Boko Haram, concerns have been raised over cases of extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, and torture. In this context, Japan takes note of measures taken such as human rights education for security personnel and the Code of Conduct for Police Personnel. We **recommend** that further steps be taken to restore security with consideration to the rule of law and human rights.

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Japan appreciates Nigeria's commitment to the promotion of the human rights of women and hopes even more will be done. Among other issues, we would like to express strong concern over the widespread practice of FGM (~~female genital mutilation~~), toward which Japan **recommends** legislation for ~~its~~ eradication, as well as effective measures to raise awareness of the people.

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