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UPR of Saudi Arabia– Statement of Japan

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Japan commends Saudi Arabia's accession to the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its signature of an MoU for Technical Cooperation with OHCHR. Japan encourages Saudi Arabia to strengthen its cooperation with international human rights mechanisms and **recommends** that it ratify the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

Japan welcomes the appointment of women to the Shura Council in which there are now 30 female council members. Japan also takes note with appreciation of the advancement of the empowerment of women, inter alia, increased opportunities for education as well as the issuing of law licences to women. Japan **recommends** that Saudi Arabia continue to implement appropriate measures to promote further participation of women in various sectors of society and women's employment both within the government and in the private sector.

Japan also takes note with appreciation of the awareness-raising activities aimed at the protection of women's rights. In this context, Japan **recommends** that Saudi Arabia further promote access to remedy for victims of human rights violations.

Thank you.