

## UPR of Cambodia– Statement of Japan

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Mr. President,

As a main sponsor of the Council resolution on Cambodia and a friend in the region, Japan has long been engaged in constructive dialogue with Cambodia and hopes that the Government of Cambodia will continue its efforts for the promotion and protection of human rights.

The human rights situation in Cambodia has been steadily improving over the 20 years since the peace agreements. Both the civil and criminal codes are being enforced. With respect to land issues, Japan welcomes the recently announced policy to suspend granting of new economic land concessions. Furthermore, Japan highly commends Cambodia's accession to the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (and its active cooperation with the activities of treaty bodies).

At the same time, Japan would like to make the following **recommendations**:

- With regard to the outcome of the last year's general elections, the parties concerned should promote dialogue and cooperation in order to swiftly

normalize the situation and to realize election reform. Japan intends to assist Cambodia's election reform in accordance with the agreement between the leaders of our two governments.

- Regarding the Khmer Rouge tribunal, the Government of Cambodia, in cooperation with the international community, should make further efforts, including in a financial sense, to ensure its smooth implementation and successful conclusion.
- The Government of Cambodia should continue to make progress on important issues for the promotion of human rights and its democratization, particularly in judicial reform and measures to address land issues.

Thank you.