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UPR of Eritrea– Statement of Japan

Monday, 3 February 2014

Mr/Madam President,

Japan attaches importance to the improvement of basic standards of living for the people of Eritrea and appreciates the government’s cooperation with the international community on assistance, such as in the area of hygiene and sanitation to which Japan has contributed with regard to health insurance and water supply facilities. We hope for the active cooperation of the Government of Eritrea with the international community, including through UN mechanisms. In this connection, Japan **recommends** smooth acceptance of visit requests by special procedures mandate holders including Special Rapporteurs and swift accession to the core international human rights instruments including the Convention Against Torture, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Additionally, Japan expects that Eritrea will eliminate impunity and put an end to the use of torture and to arbitrary and extrajudicial detentions and enforced disappearances, as called for by the Council. Japan also expects that constitutional order will be restored and the security situation improved without delay. In particular, Japan **recommends** that Eritrea ensure that the rights of all its people to freedom of expression, religion, and peaceful assembly are respected.