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UPR of Costa Rica— Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. /Madam President,

Japan greatly appreciates Costa Rica's strong commitment to human rights and welcomes the variety of steps it has taken since the 1st cycle of the UPR, including ratification of the CEPD, enhancement of the national justice system and the establishment of the Inter-Institutional Commission on Follow-up to and Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations.

Japan notes with appreciation that Costa Rica continues to make vigorous efforts to protect women's rights and that the National Women's Institute plays a key role in this regard. We understand that there are continued reports of domestic violence and therefore recommend that Costa Rica enhance its efforts to comprehensively address the issue of violence against women by, *inter alia*, putting in place preventive measures such as education and awareness raising.

On the challenges arising from prison overcrowding, ~~Japan~~ ^{Japan} recognizes ^{that} various measures ^{have been taken} to ameliorate this situation, ^{and} ~~Japan~~ recommends that Costa Rica take necessary measures to improve the human rights situation of inmates by improving conditions in prison establishments, including by ensuring appropriate infrastructure.

With respect to the rights of migrants and refugees, Japan notes with appreciation the enactment of the new Migration Act and its efforts to protect vulnerable groups including children. We encourage Costa Rica to continue to take appropriate measures to protect and promote their rights.

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