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UPR of Norway– Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. /Madam President,

Japan appreciates the initiatives being undertaken by Norway for the promotion and protection of human rights not only domestically but also internationally including in the Human Rights Council. As an additional step towards guaranteeing human rights at the international level, Japan **recommends** that Norway ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in a timely fashion.

Japan notes with appreciation Norway's efforts and achievements in advancing the status of women, and commends policies actively being developed and implemented with a focus on women from immigrant backgrounds. In this regards, as the report mentions that there remains inequality in the labor market for immigrants, and in particular that the employment rate for immigrant women is low, Japan encourages Norway to take further steps to address such issues.

I thank you.