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Thank you, Mr. /Madam President,

Japan welcomes the delegation of Iran, and appreciates Iran's engagement with the UPR process.

While we acknowledge many human rights challenges still remain in the country, we note with appreciation the expressed commitment of the current government to protect the rights of the people, measures taken to promote women's participation in society, and a certain degree of openness conducive to the freedom of expression. We also welcome the positive engagement of Iran in the bilateral human rights dialogue between our countries.

We would like to make two **recommendations**:

Firstly, that Iran provide more information about the detention of individuals <sup>journalists and</sup> ~~expressing dissenting views~~ ~~belonging to opposition groups and journalists~~ to address the concerns expressed by the Secretary General and Special Rapporteur.

Secondly, that it <sup>give further account to its</sup> ~~fully explain~~ measures to ensure public access to the Internet as well as the progress being made thereon.

I thank you, Mr. /Madam President.