

UPR of Iraq– Statement of Japan
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Thank you, Mr. /Madam President,

Japan would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Iraq to the 20th session of the UPR Working Group.

We welcome the recent full approval of the Cabinet line-up by the Iraqi Parliament. Japan hopes that the Iraqi government will make further progress in overcoming religious differences to promote national reconciliation and will effectively address challenges, including the promotion and protection of human rights.

Japan strongly condemns all abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law by ISIL and related armed groups. We strongly urge all parties concerned to observe relevant international human rights laws and humanitarian law.

Japan is concerned by the large number of persons who have been internally displaced as a result of terrorist acts carried out by ISIL. Japan **recommends** that Iraq cooperate with the international community to sufficiently improve the human rights situation of IDPs.

We also **recommend** that Iraq establish the rule of law and apply it fairly and equally in order to realize national reconciliation.

Thank you.