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Thank you, Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Guinea.

Japan welcomes that since the last cycle of UPR, following the amendment of its Constitution and presidential election conducted in a peaceful and democratic fashion, Guinea made efforts to establish various frameworks for human rights protection. We are particularly keen to see the promotion of gender equality and advancement of the status of women under the new Constitution.

While appreciating the measures taken to bring to justice those responsible for the incidents in September 2009, Japan **recommends** that the Government of Guinea further strengthen its effort against the long-standing issue of widespread impunity.

Japan notes the serious socioeconomic impact of the Ebola virus outbreak. On its part, Japan has made financial contributions of 155 million USD directed to West Africa, and is implementing assistance to mitigate and prevent further impacts. Japan **recommends** that the Government of Guinea undertake appropriate awareness-raising efforts, and strengthen the measures to guarantee the human rights of the residents of affected areas with assistance from the international community.

Thank you.