

UPR of Kenya – Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Kenya to the 21st session of the UPR Working Group.

Japan welcomes the expansion of rights, the reforms in the judicial and the administrative systems, in particular, the promotion of a devolved governance system under the new Constitution. We hope that the resulting progress in rural development will contribute to the advancement of the human rights for the Kenyan people.

In order to overcome the challenges presented after the 2007 presidential election, Japan **recommends** that the Government of Kenya move to implement the recommendations towards national reconciliation proposed by the Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission.

With regard to the recent amendments of security-related legislation, Japan **recommends** that Kenya ensure, in both legislation and its implementation, freedom of expression and freedom of the press as guaranteed in its Constitution.

Thank you.