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UPR of Kyrgyzstan – Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. /Madam President,

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Kyrgyzstan to the 21st session of the UPR Working Group. We also would like to express our appreciation for its efforts to implement the recommendations of its 1st UPR cycle.

Japan commends Kyrgyzstan's efforts to improve its human rights situation under its new Constitution which has provisions guaranteeing basic human rights. Japan **recommends** that Kyrgyzstan take the necessary steps towards ratifying the CRPD (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities).

We are concerned by the continued inter-ethnic feuds following the series of clashes in 2010 in southern regions of the country. We hope that further proactive measures will be taken to promote inter-ethnic reconciliation.

Japan particularly appreciates that the Constitution guarantees the equal rights of men and women and that women are being promoted to important governmental posts. At the same time, we are concerned by reports of continued cases of bride-kidnapping, polygamous unions, and early marriage. Japan **recommends** that Kyrgyzstan continue to take steps to put an end to practices of bride-kidnapping and early marriage.

Thank you.