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UPR of Spain – Statement of Japan

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Mr. Kotaro SUZUKI
Minister

Thank you, Mr. (Vice-) President,

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

Overall, we are encouraged to see the present administration continues to put importance upon human rights, and to hear that it is currently considering a new national plan for human rights.

Based on reports questioning the treatment of migrants and asylum-seekers in certain areas, Japan **recommends** that Spain continue its efforts to ensure that treatment of migrants and asylum-seekers is in accordance with relevant international standards.

And with a view to the still considerable number of reported cases of gender-based violence, Japan **recommends** that Spain strengthen measures toward eliminating violence against women, including domestic violence.

Thank you.