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## UPR of Turkey – Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkey to the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.

Japan takes positive note of the steps Turkey has taken for the promotion and protection of human rights. Furthermore, we highly commend Turkey's acceptance of large numbers of Syrian refugees and assistance to them. At the same time, following the series of legislative measures, we encourage further improvement in their implementation.

Regarding women's rights, Japan appreciates the measures that have been taken to ensure gender equality and **recommend** that additional steps be put in place to protect women's rights more effectively in rural areas in particular.

On the rights of the child, Japan **recommends** that Turkey continue its efforts to promote school attendance and to eliminate child labor, particularly in rural areas, .

Thank you.