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UPR of Jamaica - Statement of Japan

13 May 2015

Mr. President,

Japan welcomes the delegation of Jamaica and expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the Jamaican government for this Review.

Japan commends Jamaica's national policy for gender equality as well as its measures to address violence against women. On the other hand, we are concerned by reports regarding domestic and sexual violence against women. Japan encourages Jamaica to further strengthen the steps to ensure rights of women.

Japan also appreciates the measures that Jamaica is taking for the protection of the rights of the child. At the same time, we are concerned by reports of child abuse. Japan **recommends** that Jamaica strengthen measures to promote and protect the rights of the child, including for measures against sexual and labor exploitation.

Finally, Japan is concerned by the reports regarding the conditions for inmates in prisons and detention centers. Japan **recommends** that Jamaica make additional efforts to improve the conditions of its prisons and detention centers, toward elimination of overcrowding, improved sanitary conditions, and a strengthened system for medical care.

Thank you.