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UPR of Libya– Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We would like to welcome the delegation of Libya to the 22nd session of the UPR Working Group.

Japan welcomes expanded media and NGO activities which were severely constrained under the former regime, as well as rapid spread of democratic values among the Libyan people. At the same time, recent reports of attacks against human rights defenders, political activists, and media professionals raise concerns for us in terms of freedom of expression, as well as freedom of the press and freedom of association.

Japan **recommends** that all parties to the conflict in Libya cease violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, including attacks on civilians, as in-line with previous appeals by the High Commissioner.

Japan hopes that the situation of human rights in Libya will be improved through establishment of the rule of law and efforts of democratization, including the establishment of a constitution formulated via an inclusive drafting process, as well as the launch of a unified government.

Thank you.