

UPR of the United States– Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan appreciates the international leadership that the US has taken, particularly as a member of this Council, to constructively address various human rights issues. We commend US measures for the advancement of women such as the Department of State’s formulation of policy guidance to promote gender equality and advance the status of women. We hope that proactive measures will be swiftly taken to further address racial discrimination.

Japan appreciates that the US has been making efforts to improve the conditions of its prisons. We understand, according to Statistics from the US Bureau of Justice, many prisons continue to exceed their full capacity. Japan **recommends** that the US take further steps to improve the current overcrowded conditions of its prisons.

Since its previous review, the US has not ratified any human rights-related treaties. As considerable time has elapsed since it signed the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in 1980 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1995 in particular, Japan **recommends** that the US ratify these treaties as soon as possible.

Thank you.