

**UPR of Australia – Statement of Japan****9 November 2015**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan appreciates the measures that Australia has taken to constructively and actively address both domestic and international human rights issues. At the same time, we note with concern reports that indigenous people are still subjected to discrimination that leaves them at disadvantageous positions in comparison with other citizens. Japan **recommends** that Australia make further efforts to protect and promote the human rights of indigenous people, including the taking of measures to address the issue of poverty among them.

Japan commends Australia on its positive acceptance of a large number of immigrants and refugees. On the other hand, we are concerned by reports that asylum seekers who arrived in Australia by boat have been transferred to other countries. Japan **recommends** Australia to continue to ensure transparency and accountability in all procedures related to its treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

Finally, Japan **recommends** Australia to ratify the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Thank you.