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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan welcomes Myanmar's efforts to protect and promote human rights, including democratization, enhancement of the rule of law, ratification of human rights treaties and the holding of human rights dialogues. In this regard, Japan recommends that Myanmar consider ratifying the human rights treaties that it has not yet ratified.

Japan further welcomes the National Ceasefire Agreement reached last month. We consider it highly important that this month's general election be conducted in a free and fair manner and that its result be peacefully and democratically reflected in the due political processes.

Japan continues to share the international community's concerns regarding the situation in Rakhine State, especially concerning the rights of ethnic and religious minorities. We recommend that Myanmar increase its efforts to ensure access to basic services, as well as freedom of movement, for all residents.

Finally, Japan recommends Myanmar to ensure that the rights of women and ethnic minorities are not undermined as a result of the recently introduced set of Protection of Race and Religion laws.