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Thank you Mr. President,

Japan warmly welcomes the Rwandan delegation to this session.

Japan commends the Government of the Republic of Rwanda for its decision to issue a standing invitation to all Special Rapporteurs, as well as for its acceptance of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association. We also commend Rwanda for the progress it is making in promoting participation by women in the political decision-making process.

While we welcome the progress made in terms of legal infrastructure regarding freedom of expression and assembly, we note with concern reports regarding the ruling party's oppression of opposition parties. Japan **recommends** that Rwanda adopt further measures for the protection of political and civil rights.

We are concerned with the reported human rights violation in criminal law procedures, in particular with regard to the reported enforced disappearance of over 30 persons in the north west of the country. Japan **recommends** that Rwanda early ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED).

Thank you.