

## UPR of Denmark – Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan warmly welcomes the Danish delegation to this session.

Japan commends Denmark for the active role it has been playing, not only domestically, but internationally in the areas of prohibition of torture and promotion of gender equality.

We are, however, concerned by reports of structural discrimination against persons belonging to minorities and non-citizens, particularly non-EU nationals, in areas such as employment, education and housing. We are also concerned by reports of an increase in xenophobia and political propaganda targeting non-citizens in the media. Japan **recommends** Denmark to make increased efforts to promote tolerance and inter-cultural understanding in the aim of eliminating discrimination against minorities and non-citizens.

We welcome the many initiatives put in place by the government to date to help migrants and refugees integrate into Danish society. Japan **recommends** Denmark to continue working to improve its treatment of migrants and refugees in a transparent manner, and with full respect for human rights, especially those of women and children.

Thank you, Mr. President.