

UPR of Hungary – Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan commends Hungary for its international contributions to the human rights field, including its annual hosting of the “Budapest Human Rights Forum” since 2008.

We are, however, concerned by reports that media in Hungary has been subjected to restrictions and political interference under the new Media Act. While we welcome the revisions made to the Act based on consultation with the Council of Europe, Japan **recommends** that Hungary take appropriate measures to further relax restrictions on the freedom of the media.

During the last UPR review a number of countries expressed their concern about discrimination against the Roma population. Japan **recommends** that Hungary strengthen its efforts to promote tolerance and cultural understanding of the Roma population in the aim of eliminating discrimination including in regard to access to education and employment and participation in politics.

We commend Hungary on its intake of many migrants and refugees in 2015. Japan expresses its concern, however, at reports of an anti-immigration campaign as well as inhumane treatment of migrants and refugees. Japan **recommends** that Hungary make efforts to ensure transparency and consideration for human rights, in particular those of women and children, in its treatment of migrants and refugees.

I thank you Mr. President