

## UPR of Papua New Guinea – Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Papua New Guinea to this session.

Japan welcomes the Government of Papua New Guinea's positive contributions to the improvement of human rights, including:

- its regular holding of the PNG Human Rights Forum in conjunction with the UN;
- its efforts to follow up on the recommendations from the last UPR session;
- its facilitation of participation by diverse human resources, including women and persons with disabilities, in national government institutions through promotion of gender equality and implementation of the National Public Service Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Policy;
- and, its formulation of a national policy on disability.

We welcome Papua New Guinea's conclusion of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities since the previous review. We **recommend** that Papua New Guinea make every possible effort to proceed with the early conclusion of important international human rights treaties in particular the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Japan expresses its concern at the serious situation in Papua New Guinea of sexual violence and abuse directed against women and children. We are also concerned that the right to education of women, children and persons with disabilities is not equally ensured. Japan **recommends** that Papua New Guinea promptly follow up on the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and ensure early enforcement of the Family Protection Act.

I thank you Mr. President.