

UPR of Thailand – Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We commend Thailand's efforts since the last review to promote and protect human rights, in particular the formulation of its 3rd National Human Rights Plan. Japan **recommends** that Thailand further improve its human rights situation, including by ensuring civil and political rights such as freedoms of expression and political activities.

Japan welcomes Thailand's active implementation of measures to combat human trafficking. We expect Thailand to reinforce such measures through systematic information-gathering and comprehensive support for victims.

We strongly expect early progress in the legal procedures for still unresolved cases of enforced disappearance in Thailand. Japan **recommends** that Thailand take the necessary measures for the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED).

We welcome advances in Thailand's social security policies. Japan **recommends** that Thailand improve access to health, education and social welfare for vulnerable groups, including for those in rural areas, ethnic minorities, women, migrants, and refugees.

I thank you Mr. President