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**UPR of Brazil - Statement of Japan**

**Ambassador Mitsuko SHINO**

**The Permanent Mission of Japan in Geneva**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan highly appreciates Brazil’s efforts regarding minimizing racial discrimination, protection for refugees and anti-human trafficking measures. Japan expects Brazil to further strengthen such efforts through adoption of proposed migration law currently being discussed in the federal parliament.

On education, Japan commends Brazil on its improving school enrollment rate and literacy rate, and also welcomes the national education plan launched in 2014.

While noting the measures such as increasing investment in education and affirmative actions, Japan **recommends** that Brazil continue to take measures for improving quality of education, and reducing inequalities of education caused by income level and social status.

On prison, Japan notes the riots and deaths of inmate occurred in early 2017.

Japan **recommends** that Brazil take measures to improve conditions related to treatment of inmates within prisons, through increasing the number of prisons as already initiated by the government, and through measures for maintaining order within prisons.

I thank you Mr. President.